WEATHER FORECAST

For 36 hours ending 5 p.m., Friday:

Victoria and vicinity—Fresh to high southerly winds, mild with rain.

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BIGGEST DOPE RING IN CANADA CAUGHT

MAYOR'S REPORT SHOWS SUBSTANTIAL GAINS MADE BY CITY IN YEAR CLOSING

Financial Position Singled Out for Special Mention After Record Year of Successful Operation; Sale of City Lands Continues to Be Bright Factor in Civic Experience; Record Low Fire Loss and Excellent Health Records

Victoria took a great stride ahead in the year 1926, Mayor J. C. Pendray demonstrated in his report, read before the City Council this afternoon. Not only did the city treasury have abundant cause for satisfaction, but the operation of the lands department and almost every department of civic endeavor pointed to substantial growth in the year just closed, said His Worship.

Especially marked was the efficiency of the fire department, a record low loss from fire during the twelve months being sustained by Victoria's citizens of less than $1 per capita. Coupled with this, showed the mayor, was the fact that the public health of the city had been all that could be desired, with new low records made in infant mortality.

SURPRISES IN STORE

His Worship expressed the thanks of the city for the splendid co-operation of all classes of citizens in 1926, and asked for a renewal of confidence in what the city was about to attempt in the year to come. The year 1927, it was forecast, would be a year of many surprises to Victorians, and the main interest of all city officials would be addressed to the encouragement of industries on an active and paying basis. The report follows:

FINANCE AND TAXATION

The general debt of the city has been reduced from $10,504,071 to $10,455,493; debentures paid off amounting to $48,578. The local improvement debt, including re-funding issues, has been reduced by $204,787. All sinking funds available for investment have been placed, chiefly in long-term securities, the maximum rate of interest being obtained.

"The usual bank loan authorized for the year amounted to $750,000, but it was not found necessary to borrow more than $270,000, which was entirely paid off on October 6. This is a great advance, even compared with 1925, when the bank borrowings were then reduced, and is again principally due to the sup-

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FLOOD STRICKEN AREA DESERTED

Swirling Torrents Sweep Through Tennessee Streets

Cumberland River Continues to Rise as Families Leave

Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 30.—Two hundred and fifty citty blocks, where 5,000 persons have been housed, were deserted to-day as a result of the swirling torrents of the Cumberland River, which swept through the streets of Nashville's lowlands.

Without reported loss of life, the flood-stricken populace of the city had withdrawn to whatever homes they could find. Churches and private houses havev been thrown open to the sufferers, while horse and motor drays carry saltaged furniture to makeshift places of storage..

The Cumberland continues to rise after breaking the 1882 high water mark of 55.3 feet, and to-day additional families were hurriedly preparing to abandon their homes.

Soup kitchens have been opened for refugees, and charity organizations were busy in relief work. North Nashville is waterbound as well as the Edgefield section and South Nashville.

Water menaced the Richland Creek section near the state penitentiary. Police say 1,500 persons from the flood areas have been deprived of their work by the waters.

Train service throughout Tennessee, Mississippi and Kentucky showed only slight improvement in the flood areas.

COOLIDGE PRESENTS IDEALS FOR PEACE

United States President is Speaker at Battle of Trenton Celebration

Trenton, N.J., Dec. 30—Ideals and faith that led George Washington to victory in the Revolutionary War were held up by President Coolidge last night as guides to nations of the world in their quest for lasting peace. In his address concluding the Sesqui-Centennial Celebration of the Battle of Trenton and Washington's Crossing the Delaware the president declared this country and others must be prepared to make the same sacrifices in behalf of amity that Washington and the Colonies made to establish an independent America.

SIR HENRY OLIVER TO FOLLOW BEATTY AS FIRST SEA LORD

Sixty-two Years of Age, Atlantic Fleet Chief Since 1924

London, Dec. 30 (Canadian Press Cable)—Admiral Sir Henry Francis Oliver, commander of the Atlantic Fleet, is expected to succeed Earl Beatty as First Sea Lord. Earl Beatty's retirement is overdue, but he has remained in his position as First Sea Lord pending the availability of Sir Henry, who has been described as the embodiment of the silent navy who, even to his friends, says nothing about naval affairs.

Admiral Sir Henry F. Oliver, who is sixty-two years of age, has been commander-in-chief of the Atlantic Fleet since 1924. He entered the navy in 1878.

Sir David Beatty, Admiral of the Fleet, was created First Earl Beatty of the North Sea and of Brooksby in 1919 and has been First Sea Lord since 1919. He entered the navy in 1884. During the Great War he was mentioned in dispatches several times, especially in connection with the Battle of Jutland in 1916. In 1919, when he was raised to the peerage, he received the thanks of parliament for his service in the war and was given a grant of £100,000. He is fifty-five years of age.

CANADA GETS FARM IMPLEMENT ORDERS FOR RUSSIAN FARMS

Ottawa, Dec. 30 (Canadian Press) — Canada has been granted access by the Government of Northern Ireland to a journal of old Hudson Bay Company records respecting early pioneer days in Western Canada. The records, which have been in possession of the Government of Northern Ireland, will be published shortly by the Canadian Government in book form.

"KING" BENJAMIN TO APPEAR AS PRISONER

Benton Harbor, Mich., Dec. 30.—Benjamin Purnell, leader of the House of David Colony, was bound over to-day for trial in circuit court on charges of criminal assault made by Mrs. Bessie Woodsworth of Benton Harbor, a former member of the colony.

NONAGENARIANS LEAVE $110,000 TO CHURCH

Newark, N.J., Dec. 30.—Reciprocal wills of Richard S. Cox and his wife Jane, both nonagenarians, formerly of Chicago, offered for probate here yesterday, bequeathed $110,000 to Trinity Church of Seattle, Wash., and left upward of $500,000 in cash and property to numerous friends and relatives scattered about the country.

VICE-PRESIDENT

ALFRED CARMICHAEL

of Victoria, named one of B.C. vice-presidents by Northwest Realtors.

TO INVITE LEADING WRITERS TO COAST

Northwest Realtors Want Them to Know Pacific's Beauty

Alfred Carmichael of Victoria Named B.C. Vice-president

Tacoma, Dec. 30—By action of the Northwest Real Estate Association in session here yesterday, steps will be taken to bring to the Pacific Northwest next Summer a trainload of leading writers and publicists of the United States in an effort to acquaint them with the scenic beauty and natural resources of the West.

From the four Northwest States and British Columbia fifty officers and directors of local real estate boards were in attendance during the day, and at the banquet last night which ended the session.

IN SEATTLE IN AUGUST

The Northwest Convention of real estate boards will be held in Seattle, August 8 and 9, just previous to the national convention there, it was decided, the meeting place having been shifted from Victoria.

J. W. Wheeler of Seattle, was installed as new president succeeding A. H. Barnhisel of Tacoma.

Mr. Wheeler, announced his vice-presidents as follows: For British Columbia, A. McCreary, Vancouver; Alfred Carmichael, Victoria.

He announced the British Columbia directors as follows: J. P. Nicolls, Vancouver; J. W. Allan, Vancouver; F. B. Pemberton, Victoria.

Snowstorms Menace Black Sea Shipping

Odessa, Ukrania, Dec. 30 (Canadian Press).—Dispatches received here to-day confirm the sinking of the vessel Astoria in the Black Sea near the Roumanian coast, with the loss of twenty-one lives, but fail to identify her as an American.

The sinking of the Roumanian freighter Protus with her crew of eight is also reported.

Heavy snowstorms, accompanied by violent winds, are menacing shipping on the Black Sea, and scores of steamers have cancelled their sailings.

TWO CANDIDATES FOR NELSON MAYORALTY

Nelson, Dec. 30 (Canadian Press).—With civic nominations only eleven days away, only one aldermanic candidate is in the field in Nelson, Alderman J. E. McKenzie, who is seeking re-election.

The mayoralty is furnishing the only excitement, G. B. Matthew, a former alderman, opposing the re-election of Mayor J. A. McDonald.

Premier Cancels New Year's Reception on Account of Illness

Premier Oliver is still suffering somewhat from the effects of a severe cold, contracted a couple of weeks ago. He will spend New Year's Day quietly resting with other members of his family, several of whom, including Mrs. Oliver, are also suffering from colds. The Premier and his family will not be at home to visitors on New Year's Day, as is their usual custom.

ALCOHOL POISONING NOT ENFORCEMENT

Not Government Duty to Make Drinking Fatal, Says Mellon

Plan to Make Alcohol Too Distasteful to Take

New York, Dec. 30.—Indications to-day were that the death toll in New York City from liquor this year would exceed 800, including 34 since Christmas.

Washington, Dec. 30 — On the theory that more effective prohibition enforcement is bound to drive drinkers to the use of industrial alcohol, Andrew Mellon, secretary of the treasury, announced a determination to-day to eliminate the use of poisons as denaturants.

The secretary's attitude is that he does not conceive it as a duty of the government to permit poisoning of citizens in order to enforce the law.

He expects government chemists soon will be able to denature alcohol so that it will be too distasteful to drink rather than too poisonous. When the government denaturing formula goes into effect January 1, certain poisonous substances previously included in it will be eliminated. The four per cent. of wood alcohol provided for in the formula will remain, however, as Mr. Mellon does not think that percentage injurious. Under the old formula two per cent. of wood alcohol was used.

NEARLY $2,000,000 CASH PAID HERE AS SEATTLE MEN BUY ISLAND TIMBER

One of the biggest timber deals of recent years went through here just before noon to-day, when Eric W. Hamber of Vancouver, as head of the B. C. Mills Timber and Trading Company Limited, was paid nearly $2,000,000 for lot 110, Sayward District, by a party of Seattle and Portland men, including James Eddy, R. D. Merrill, Wallace McCamant, E. J. Garrett and A. S. Kerry.

The deal was put through and the money paid over without any formalities in the land registry office in Bastion Square here. Registry office officials said it was the biggest cash deal they could recall having gone through there. With Mr. Hamber was his solicitor, James Rawson of Vancouver.

Lot 110 comprises about 27,000 acres of standing fir timber along the Campbell River and about ten to fifteen miles inland.

The timber will be held for the Seattle buyers by a holding company known as the Campbell River Timber Company Limited. It is not planned to operate the tract yet, it was explained, as the timber was bought for investment. The new owners said that a tremendous advance in the price of timber along this Coast was about to happen and that they were the first of a number of Washington, Oregon and California buyers now headed this way after British Columbia timber.

No details were given out as to the total number of feet of timber in the block, or as to the price paid per thousand. Timber men here this afternoon, however, said that the timber in that district ran around $3 to $3.50 a thousand. The block has been held by the Hamber interests for upwards of thirty years.

BURGLAR ENTERS ESQUIMALT HOME

House on Admiral's Road Entered; Detective Chief Warns Public

While the owner and his family were away from their home last night between 7.30 and 11 o'clock, thieves entered the residence of J. N. O'Neil, 622 Admiral's Road, making away with a quantity of jewelry as well as $45 in cash.

According to a report received by Chief of City Detectives Harry O'Leary from Chief of Police Dawley of Esquimalt, an active search failed to disclose the identity of the robber.

"This," said Chief O'Leary to-day, "should be a timely warning to the public. While there has been little burglary so far this Winter, we never can tell when they are going to come. It is up to the people to help, and they can do most by keeping their homes secure against prowlers."

Vancouver, he went on, had been in the throes of a veritable plague of burglary and he thought it not unlikely that some wandering housebreaker might find his way to Victoria.

NEW YORK PULP MILL FIRE COSTS $300,000

Watertown, N.Y., Dec. 30.—The large paper mill, owned by the International Paper Company at Glen Park, a suburb of this city, was destroyed by fire early to-day with a loss of $300,000. The mill had been closed and workmen were removing the machinery and shipping it to Canada.

MAN WHO MURDERED MOTHER IS INSANE

Los Angeles, Dec. 30.—Murder charges against Harold K. Lowry, forty-five, who killed his mother, Mrs. Olivia Lowry, eighty, by gas, and failed in an attempt to end his own life by the same means, were dismissed yesterday at the request of the district attorney's office. The prosecuting officials said alienists had adjudged Lowry insane.

MAY BE RAISED TO THE PEERAGE

SIR JAMES CRAIG

London, Dec. 30 (Canadian Press Cable)—Sir James Craig, first Premier of Northern Ireland, is expected to be raised to the peerage in connection with the distribution of the New Year honors.

Sir James, who is fifty-six years old, is the first Prime Minister of Northern Ireland and has been at the head of the Government since June 7, 1921.

BELIEVE LITTLE BOY DROWNED IN FRASER

New Westminster, Dec. 30—Fears were expressed here this afternoon that George Vilac, eight-year-old son of O. Vilac, missing since he left home shortly after noon yesterday, has been drowned in the Fraser River. He was last seen late yesterday playing in a rowboat tied to a waterfront wharf.

LIQUOR STORE ENTERED

Vancouver, Dec. 30 — James McClure, forty-six, no address given, was arrested at 5 o'clock this morning on a charge of breaking and entering the Government liquor store at 758 Powell Street.

TRAIN HITS FREIGHT CAR

Chippewa Falls, Dec. 30.—A freight conductor was critically injured and five passengers received minor injuries, when the Arrowhead, a passenger train on the Omaha Road from Duluth to Chicago, crashed into the rear of a stationary freight about a mile from here to-day.

START UNLOADING LIQUOR CARGO OF CHRIS. MOELLER

Unloading of the 17,779 cases of assorted liquors on the schooner Chris. Moeller commenced at 8 o'clock this morning. The Empire Stevedoring Company have received the contract to remove the cargo from the vessel's holds to the wharf. Included in freight to be unloaded is 192 bales of bottle straws and forty-four bales of gunnies.

ENGINEER KILLED IN CONSTRUCTION OF CARIBOO ROAD

G. Hayman Falls From Precipitious Bluff During Difficult Road Project

Meets Death While Seeking to Locate Grade For New Highway Along Thompson

Slipping from one of the high, precipitous bluffs of the Thompson River, along which the new Cariboo Road is being built, Gordon P. Hayman, engineer of the Public Works Department, was killed yesterday afternoon near Gladwin, east of Lytton, according to advices received at the department to-day.

No details of the accident were given but it is assumed that Mr. Hayman slipped and fell while locating the grade of the new road between Lytton and Spence's Bridge. The country through which the new highway is being pushed eastward from Lytton is extremely rough and offers tremendous obstacles to engineers. It was while grappling with these engineering problems that Mr. Hayman met his death.

ABLE ENGINEER

Mr. Hayman distinguished himself as an engineer on the Golden-Yoho Highway, the Rossland-Cascade Highway and later on the Cariboo Road. He was in charge of the location of the new highway near Boston Bar, one of the most difficult sections of the whole route, and was later appointed resident engineer for the Public Works Department in the Fraser Canyon district.

Mr. Hayman was one of the ablest engineers in the employ of the Government and his death will be a serious loss to the Public Works Department. The department had been depending upon him to carry out much of the difficult work ahead between Lytton and Spence's Bridge.

FEW ACCIDENTS

Mr. Hayman's death was only the second fatality on the Cariboo Road project, which is considered one of the most difficult pieces of road building ever carried out in Canada. A workman was killed in the installation of the Spuzzum suspension bridge when a timber fell on him, but otherwise the project has been remarkably free from serious accidents, considering the character of the country through which the road has been built.

VIEWS DIFFER ON CAMPAIGN FUNDS

Some Federal Ministers Think B.C. Government Should Act

Special to The Times

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 30.—Great diversity of opinion exists among cabinet ministers as to whether the powers of Royal Commission, now investigating Canadian customs administration, should be broadened to permit complete airing of campaign fund disclosures.

The Royal Commission will resume session at the Pacific Coast January 10, and if further investigation into contributions said to be made by liquor interests to campaign funds is to be made, an early decision is needed.

When cabinet meetings are resumed early in New Year, this is one of the questions which will be decided. There is a strong feeling among many of the ministers now in the capital to widen out the investigation and to get to the bottom of the alleged political bribery. Others, however, take the position that the primary objective of inquiry should not be lost sight of, the principal aim being to show how the customs department administration may be improved, if the commission is carried into bypaths, no matter how important they may be, it may never again recover the main highway.

It is taken as a fact that unless specifically instructed to do so, the commission will not carry through an investigation into campaign fund contributions. There is an impression here that the British Columbia Government will pick up the investigation where the Royal Commission has left it. Evidence of alleged political bribery brought out so far relates only to British Columbia. Some of the Federal ministers think it is up to the Provincial Government to act.

Root Turns Over $25,000 Cheque

New York, Dec. 30.—Elihu Root, recipient of the Woodrow Wilson Foundation Prize of $25,000, has turned over the cheque to the Council of Foreign Relations as the nucleus of an endowment fund for Foreign Affairs, the official organ of the council.

MONTREAL BASE FOR HALF TRADE ON CONTINENT FOR YEARS INVESTIGATORS SAY

Chief of Health Department, Sent by Hon. J. H. King to Montreal, Working With United States Agent, Uncovers Extensive Operations in Narcotic Drugs; Five Men in Court To-day

Montreal, Dec. 30.—The biggest drug ring in North America, which has been responsible for half the illicit narcotic trade on the continent for many years, has been uncovered through the co-operation of the Canadian and United States Governments, it was stated here this morning by F. W. Cowan, chief of the narcotic branch of the Department of Health of the Canadian Government. Three to four months of work came to a head early this morning by the arrest of five men, who will be arraigned in court to-day.

DAILY SHIPMENTS

Hundreds of ounces of narcotic drugs were being shipped to the United States every day through the ring, Mr. Cowan said. The United States Government, the narcotic branch chief went on, had made several protests to the Canadian Government, and finally Hon. J. H. King, on taking over the Department of Health, sent Mr. Cowan to Montreal to make a personal investigation. The United States Government co-operated under the narcotic drugs treaty and loaned Arnold C. Lacheneauer, an internal revenue agent from Detroit, to aid in the probe.

POSED AS BUYERS

The investigators got in touch with the ring and in this way represented themselves as being buyers from the United States. They were able to carry on their investigations and accumulated evidence. They were astonished at the ramifications of the ring, Mr. Cowan said. The drugs, he went on, apparently largely came into this country from the Atlantic seaboard, St. John, N.B., and the State of Maine, rum-runners playing a considerable part. They were shipped up here in loads of laths and other materials, and from here were distributed over the country. Apparently transhipment took place in the railway yards, Mr. Cowan said. Recent seizures in Windsor, Ont., Detroit and Chicago, were all of drugs emanating from Montreal.

NO BIGGER BASE

"There is no bigger base on the North American continent," the investigator said. "It has been the base of half the trade for the continent for many years."

Mr. Cowan believes the ring uncovered to be the last big one operating in Canada. The men arrested in connection with the investigations include three railway porters. They were arrested on warrants charging conspiracy to sell and distribute narcotic drugs. Other arrests are pending.

In this morning's operations $10,000 worth of drugs were seized. A central plant believed to exist has not yet been discovered.

DOMINION INVESTIGATION

Lindsay, Ont., Dec. 29 (Canadian Press).—L. V. O'Connor, who was recently appointed by the Dominion Government as Commissioner to investigate the conditions of the drug trade in Canada, announced to-day that the first session of the "medicine probe" would be held in Montreal, January 6 next. It is not yet decided whether the sessions would be public or private.

FIVE TAKEN ON DRUG CHARGES FACE COURT

More Arrests Will Follow, Crown Prosecutor Tells Judge

Charged With Conspiracy to Smuggle, Sell and Possession

Montreal, Dec. 30—Five men appeared before Judge Monet in arraignment court to-day in connection with what Canadian and United States investigators believe the uncovering of the biggest drug smuggling ring on the continent. With one exception they were charged with conspiracy to smuggle and sell drugs as well as actual sale of them. The fifth was charged with possession of drugs.

Fred Monaghan, St. Catherines Street, West, this city, was held for enquere on January 7, under bail of $25,000.

George Edwards, negro porter on the Chicago-Montreal train of the C.P.R., was held for enquere under $10,000 bail for the same date. He is the man charged with possession.

ARRESTED THIS MORNING

Charles Galley, trainman on the Montreal-Toronto Express of the Canadian Pacific Railway with a Park Avenue, Montreal, address; Joseph H. Farley, of Montreal, and Sam Reed, a colored porter on the Chicago-Montreal Express, were given verbal remands at the request of the Crown Prosecutor for further questioning at police headquarters.

The arrests were made this morning. Galley and Edwards were arrested as they stepped off their trains.

DRUGS SEIZED

Drugs worth more than $15,000 were seized in two houses visited this morning, or in the possession of the men arrested.

In submitting the case before Judge Monet, Phillipe Monette, Crown Prosecutor, said:

"At last we have succeeded after a search of months in rounding up part, if not all, of the biggest narcotic drug ring on the continent. More persons are to be arrested in connection with the case and other places are to be searched."

NEW LIQUOR POLICY WILL KILL RUNNING ON ST. CLAIR RIVER

Toronto, Dec. 30.—A special dispatch to The Globe from Sarnia says:

"The new liquor export enforcement policy announced by Hon. W. D. Euler, Minister of Customs, bids well to shake to the foundations the liquor business on the St. Clair River.

"It was forecast here to-day that if the Department of Customs carries out its stated intention of requiring actual proof that an export cargo which has been cleared for a specified foreign port has actually been delivered at that port before the double bond is released, such a policy will put the liquor scows now in operation here entirely out of business.

HEIR OF BARON HAS DISAPPEARED

London, Dec. 30.—A third disappearance case has arisen to occupy the British police, just recovering from their searches for the novelist, Agatha Clarissa Christie, who turned up at a Yorkshire spa, and Miss Una Crowe, who drowned herself in the sea off Dorset coast.

This time, it is the Hon. Lawrence Edward Broomfield Palk, forty, son and heir of the third Baron Maldon. His father told the police that Palk left his office in the city Tuesday afternoon, intending to take a train for Croydon, near London, where he had an appointment and has not been heard from since. He carried an unspecified sum of money.

CANADA GETS ACCESS TO PIONEER RECORDS

Montreal, Dec. 30—"During the past month the Union of Soviet Republics have placed in Canada orders for $300,000 worth of farm implements, and we are in the market for more," stated Longin F. Gerus, Agent-General and Trade representative for Russia, in Canada, here to-day.

M. Gerus said that more binders than any other implement were bought because the co-operative purchase of a binder by a group of peasants makes possible the co-operative system of agriculture.

'QUAKE RECORDED

Spokane, Dec. 30—An earthquake shock violent enough to be felt without a seismograph, and located within 500 miles of this city, was recorded at the Gonzaga University Observatory here, the director reported to-day. The tremor started at 9.57 and continued for two minutes, he said.

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Archaeological Objects From Time of Persian King Cyrus Discovered

Moscow, Dec. 30.—A cave twenty-six miles long and half a mile deep, with a chain of grottoes of extraordinary beauty and wide corridors hung with mammoth icicles, has been discovered near the town of Kungur, Province of Peru, in the Ural Mountains.

A big underground river is believed to have once flowed at the bottom of the cave.

Prof. Khlebnikov brought word to Moscow of this wonderful geological construction of this vast cave. In the opinion of geologists the eternal ice covering its walls was probably formed during the Third Inter-glacial period, 150,000 years ago.

The roof of the cave is a mass of irridescent snow crystals, which reflect all the colors of the rainbow. About a mile from the entrance is a small lake of pristine purity. Near the lake were found archeological objects from the time of the Persian King Cyrus in the Fifth Century Before Christ.

Beyond the entrance were unearthed military fortifications built by the bandit chieftain Ermak during his military campaign in Siberia in the fifteenth century.

DAMAGE SLIGHT IN OIL BLAZE AT IOCO

Port Moody, B.C., Dec. 30.—Fire of undetermined origin started in a crude oil still at the Imperial Oil Company's refinery at Ioco, on Burrard Inlet, opposite here last evening, but was confined to a small area, and damage is said to have been slight. During its short duration the blaze was spectacular. No person was injured.

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New Winter Schedule to Gulf Islands, Effective Monday, November 8—The steamer Otter will leave Belleville Street wharf every Monday and Wednesday at 7.15 a.m. and every Thursday at 8 a.m. for Gulf Island points. Also the Princess Royal from Victoria every Tuesday at 11 a.m., calling at Port Washington, Ganges and Mayne Island en route to Vancouver. ***

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R.A.O.B., Pride of Victoria Lodge 4567—Regular meeting Thursday, December 30, 7.30 p.m. Special business. All brothers urgently requested to attend. J. W. Pitney, Sec. ***

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Women's Canadian Club—Women's Canadian Club meeting, Tuesday, January 4, Empress Hotel, 2.45 p.m. Speaker, Dean Quainton. Subject, "The New Year and World 'Peace.'" Soloist, Mrs. S. M. Morton. ***

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CANADIANS DRINKING LESS ALCOHOL NOW

Tobacco Also Has Lost Its Popularity Since War

Ottawa, Dec. 30. — Canadians are consuming less alcoholic beverage than they were before the outbreak of the Great War. In fact both John Barleycorn and Lady Nicotine have lost popularity since that year, figures released by the Dominion Department of Statistics reveal.

During the last five years the average consumption per head in Canada was:

Spirituous liquors, .270 gallon; beer, 5.617 gallons; wines, .074 gallon; tobacco, 3.468 pounds. In the five years ending 1914 the figures were: Spirits, 1.016 gallons; beer, 7.2 gallons; wines, .124 gallon, 3.711 pounds.

An interesting fact revealed in the report is that the early 70's whisky and other "hard" liquors were consumed at an average rate of slightly more than one gallon and a half annually by each head of the Dominion's populace.

Surprises Feature Indoor Junior Boys' Tennis in Baltimore

Baltimore, Md., Dec. 30 — Upsets yesterday gave the national indoor junior and boys' tennis championships added interest of unexpeected competition as slates were cleaned in the lower brackets.

The first reversal in the junior division ricocheted from the capably handled racquet of Henry Johnson of Boston. In a slashing three-set match, he outsteadied Donald Strachan of Philadelphia, protege of Bill Tilden and alligneed himself to meet Frank Shields of New York, in the semi-finals to-day.

In the other semi-final bracket, the vagaries of the seeding have operated to deprive Julius Seligson of New York, junior title defender, and Eddie Jacobs of Baltimore, last year's runner-up, of the possibility of another set-to in the finals. They clash to-day for the right to meet Shields or Johnson in the title match.

With the Baltimore ace's brother, Billy, looming through the boys' division, there was a possibility that both titles would come to rest on the Jacobs' hearth. Billy has yet to meet Sydney Wood of New York, and if he survives that, Warren F. Coen of Kansas City, or Henry Clabaugh, a fellow Baltimorean.

Among London's strange occupations are cart-minding, selling hot water in the markets and painting door knockers.

SCANDAL ON AWARDS OF HONOR LEGION

Bartering of French Decorations Charged by Government Official

Paris, Dec. 30.—A scandal over some recent awards of the coveted Legion or Honor was threatened today.

The newspapers announce that M. Ruotte, one of the secretaries in the Ministry of Commerce, arrested on a charge of demanding 100,000 francs for each Legion of Honor decoration, has decided to bare his knowledge of the matter. M. Ruotte is understood, the paper says, to have transmitted to the Ministry of Justice a list of at least twenty new legionnaires, who, he alleged, had not sufficient qualifications for the honor, but whose nominations were imposed by prominent parliamentarians.

He hinted that one honored with the red ribbon of the Legion had been condemned to two years' imprisonment for bankruptcy; another was decorated for "twenty years' direction of industrial enterprise," although he was only thirty-two years old, and still another was decorated despite the fact that he figured in police reports for trafficking with the enemy during the war.

It is charged that Ruotte used two intermediaries in his alleged bartering of decorations. Both these persons are in custody.

Mince Meat, Modernized, Still Holds Old Glamour

By SISTER MARY

When we're chopping suet and seeding raisins and measuring spices for our mince meat, it may lighten our tasks to remember that mince pie was served at Saxon feasts in pre-Norman days and smacked of paganism.

But the armored knights demanded their good things to eat even as men do now, and mince pie survived the vicissitudes of the centuries, becoming involved finally in political and religious disputes. Imagine serious debates by the clergy to determine whether or no its members might indulge in mince pie since it was supposed to be of pagan origin!

The modern mince meat is quite different from the concoction of the days of our grandmothers. Fifty years ago, mince meat lived up to its name and was actually thick with meat. A few raisins, apples, spices and boiled cider were added to the finely ground meat to give flavor. The mince meat of to-day, with its nuts, candied fruits, currants, spices and preserves and no meat, would not be accepted by those grandmothers of ours.

And so, for the sake of tradition and because it adds to the mixture, I like to add meat to my mince meat. When meat is used, nuts should be omitted, but the other sweetmeats can be used as desired.

Mince Meat

Two pounds lean beef, 3-4 pound beef suet, 4 pounds apples, 2 pounds seeded raisins, 1 pound cleaned currants, 1 pound shredded citron, 1-2 pound candied orange peel, 1-2 pound candied lemon peel, 2 pounds brown sugar, 2 quarts sweet cider, 1 cup molasses, 1 cup stock, 2 teaspoons salt, 1 nutmeg (grated), 1 tablespoon ground cinnamon, 1 teaspoon ground cloves, 1 teaspoon allspice, 1 cup preserved cherries or strawberries.

Any part of the beef can be used, the heart and tongue are particularly good.

Cook meat in boiling water to cover until tender. Add water as necessary and remove scum. When meat is tender, boil rapidly to reduce stock to about 1 cup. Let meat cool in stock. Remove meat from liquid and carefully take off any bits of fat, bone or gristle. Put lean meat through food chopper and add stock which has been strained. Add suet finely minced, apples, pared, cored and chopped, coarsely chopped raisins and all the remaining ingredients except the preserves. Cook about 1 1-2 hours and add preserves. Bring to the boiling point and seal in sterilized jars.

Grape Juice, Too

If cider is not procurable, the sweet spiced vinegar from sweet pickles can be used. Or grape juice can be combined with orange and lemon juice with good results.

The preserves are optional, of course, and can be added as wanted for special pies.

There are some rather interesting superstitions about Christmas foods in general and mince pie in particular. To refuse a piece of mince pie at New Year's dinner means that "bad luck" will attend one throughout the year. The apples in the pie portend health and happiness, and to eat an apple at midnight on New Year's Eve insures health for the coming year.

Each member of the family should stir the mince meat during its making. He who stirs shares in the good luck foretold for the household.

SILK SCARF—Vionnet sponsors a triangle of heavy surah silk such as is used for men's mufflers. It is checked in brown and gold, tied closely around the throat with the ends in back.

Little Chills and Doctors' Bills
"I'm cold, mother," often is the first indication of sickness among children.
Little chills, nipped in the bud, often save a more or less prolonged and possibly serious illness.
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Blind Man's Buff

REMEMBER the game? A handkerchief over your eyes . . . . your hands searching for someone, feeling blindly over features your eyes could so easily know. It seems foolish — deliberately to blindfold yourself and go searching. You wouldn't blindfold yourself deliberately when you start out in search of purchases that help make life a game.

¶ If you read advertisements first, you are spared the doubts and mistakes. Advertisements take the handkerchief off your eyes. They equip you with keen vision. They lead you direct to the cleansing cream that will give most freshness to your skin, to the cream wafers most tempting to serve, to the sparkling drinks most pleasing. They put in your hands familiar good things guaranteed to please.

¶ You can't afford to buy under a blind man's buff. Read the advertisements to avoid the blindness—and the buff. Don't overlook these to-day.

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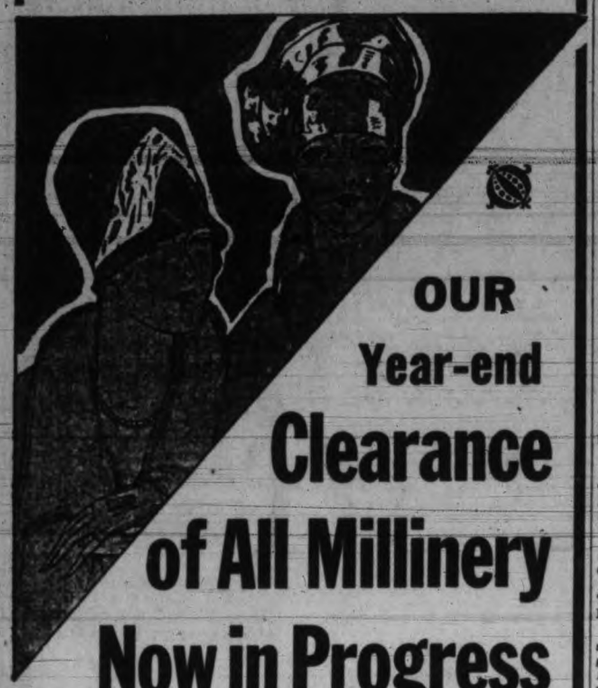

OUR Year-end Clearance of All Millinery Now in Progress

Don't Be Without a New Hat for New Year's
Take Advantage of the Clearance Sale Prices
Every Hat Reduced Far Below Actual Cost

From the Bargain Basement

Over 300 Winter Hats

Consisting of Felts, Velours and Velvets. Values up to $5.75 to go at the Clearance Sale Price of

$1.85

Over 400 Winter Hats

Mostly from the Main Salon but transferred for quick turnover to the Bargain Basement. Values from $10.00 to $15.00 to go at the Clearance Sale Price of

$2.85

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Over 200 charming models (Pattern Hats mostly). Our rule not to carry over any Hats from one season to another compels us to clear them below their value. These are the kind of Hats you would consider a bargain at $10.00 or $15.00. To be cleared at $5.75

From the French Salon

All imported Hats from makers like Maxime, Bobette, Margarete Ceeile, Premier and Alexander

WILL BE REDUCED TO EXACTLY HALF PRICE
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Children's and Girls' Hats Reduced to..... $1.95

All the Children's Hats, consisting of Velvet, Silk, Felt and Velours, are reduced for clearance selling to $1.95

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UTILIZE TIMES WANT ADS

CHILDREN ENJOYED SEASONABLE PARTY

Santa Claus Visited Rex Hall at Duncan For Cowichan Branch of Canadian Legion

Special to The Times

Duncan, Dec. 30.—Finding the weather still cold and with plenty of snow still on the ground, Santa Claus decided to stay over and visit the Rex Hall, Duncan, on Saturday afternoon.

Members of the W.A. to the Cowichan branch of the Canadian Legion, British Empire Service League, arranged a delightful Christmas tree party for the children of returned men of the district, and although the weather prevented many from attending, about 115 youngsters, with nearly as many grown-ups, availed themselves of the invitation.

The hall was gaily decorated and an enormous tree, reaching to the roof and filled with presents, stood at one end. When all had assembled the bugle call was sounded and all sat down to a sumptuous tea, Rev. A. Bischlager asking the blessing.

Santa appeared with his pack on his back and greeted all present. The tree provided a present for every child and the happy little ones, after receiving their gifts, went away home.

Great credit and thanks are due to Mrs. W. R. Russell, the president of the W.A., and to J. H. Frank, the president of the branch, for the organization and arrangements. They were ably assisted by the following:

Tree committee—A. J. Castle, convener, assisted by Mrs. J. L. A. Gibbs, J. M. Keatley, D. Macrae, C. Stephenson and Major H. Palmer. The lights were arranged by M. A. Kinch.

Tea committee—Mrs. Dunkeld, assisted by Mrs. D. Meyers, Mrs. Redgrave, Mrs. Goddard, Mrs. Ryall, Mrs. Brookbank, Mrs. Owen, Mrs. W. Purver, Mrs. Castle and Miss J. Gorton.

Table decorations—Mrs. H. P. Swan, assisted by Mrs. J. M. Keatley and Mrs. C. Moss.

Door—T. A. Giles, Koksilah.

Santa Claus—Jack Ross, Cowichan Station.

L. A. Knox transported to the party those who could not otherwise have been present.

HOCKEY CLUB

The committee of the Cowichan Hockey Club arranged a delightful party for the members and a few of their friends on Monday evening at St. John's Hall, Duncan. About forty attended, and after a delicious supper played games and celebrated Christmas in old-fashioned style.

Those responsible for the arrangements were Mrs. F. G. Aldersey, Miss N. Dawson-Thomas, Mrs. V. H. Wilson, N. R. Staples, C. E. Bromilow and R. B. M. Shaw.

Ladysmith

Ladysmith, Dec. 30.—The Junior Football Club gave its third annual dance Friday. A spirit of happiness and good cheer was much in evidence. Credit is due to Bennie's orchestra for the excellent music furnished.

A quiet but pretty wedding took place Christmas Day, when the Rev. W. R. Brown united in marriage Miss Mary J. Magistrini of Extension, and Theophile Soulle of San Francisco. The bride was attended by Mrs. Leon Repasse, while Mr. Ripasse supported the groom. After the ceremony a reception was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. Ripasse, Extension, at which only intimate friends were present. Mr. and Mrs. Soulle will make their home in San Francisco.

A. Homer is spending a few days in Victoria.

On Friday evening the United Church held their annual Christmas entertainment. The church was decorated with tinsel and evergreens. At one end of the platform there was a Christmas tree decorated very prettily. A large crowd was in attendance and during the first part of the evening the tiny tots delighted the audience with songs and recitations, after which the older children took part. After the concert Santa Claus paid a visit, and presented each child with a box of candy.

Mrs. Robert Hutchinson and little son of Seattle were the guests of Mrs. T. Strang Jr. on Wednesday.

Miss Irene Blair is visiting her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. H. Mickie, White Street.

In The Holiday Rush

The increased demand for Pacific Milk last week suggests its part in the holiday. Popularity is an evidence of merit and we, necessarily aware of its high quality, are gratified to see this opinion shared by our patrons.

Pacific Milk
Head Office, Vancouver.
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SALACIOUS SHOWS MAY BE PADLOCKED

New York Citizens' Jury Will Be Given Trial First

New York, Dec. 30 (Associated Press)—Padlocking of theatres that show salacious plays was seen as a possibility by District Attorney Banton yesterday in discussing Mayor Walker's conference with producers. He expressed the opinion, however, that the citizens' play jury should be given further trial before abolishing it in favor of political censorship.

The mayor's only comment to newspapermen yesterday when he was asked if he believed the play jury a flat failure was "figure it out for yourself." This was just after he had concluded a conference with producers in which he had said political censorship was inevitable unless the theatrical men themselves immediately purged the stage of immorality. The producers agreed to do so.

"The play jury," Mr. Banton said to-day, "is the best thing we have had so far, but it can be improved upon. It was a new plan and needed trying out. Now we can see things that ought to be changed.

"It is hard to get people to sit on the play jury, for one thing, and also, we find, there are some weak spots in the plan, one of which is the necessity of having jurors pass judgment on a play according to their individual standards as to what is right and what is wrong.

"But I quite agree with Mayor Walker that if the managers do not prevent staging of salacious shows we will likely get political censorship, which may carry with it the right of the censor to padlock the theatre where a salacious show is staged."

TO ACCURATELY TELL SIZE OF UNIVERSE

Accomplishment of This Feat By Scientists Will be Simple

Philadelphia, Dec. 30.—Scientists will some day estimate accurately the size of the universe, Dr. Eljnar Hertzsprung, of the University of Leyden, Holland, predicted yesterday. Dr. Hertzsprung is attending meetings here of the Association for the Advancement of Science.

Dr. Hertzsprung further expressed the belief that the accomplishment of this feat by scientists will be simple. In the Milky Way, he said, are various groups of stars, called Cepheids. "To measure astronomical distances, we select a group of these and in conjunction with the known speed of the sun, which is twenty kilometers per second, determine their distance from the sun as light rays show through them.

"These stars are nearly 1,000 times brighter than the sun. With this calculation made, we measure the amount of drift by combining the sun's speed with the angular motion of the stars, and then, by comparing the brightness of stars with the brightness of other stars of a lower magnitude, determine their distance from the earth.

"Some time, by carrying the process to a greater extent, we shall learn the size of the universe. It can't be done now, but the future eventually will give us this important information."

Speaking before the Social Science branch of the association to-day, Dr. Ronald Young, University of Pennsylvania, said that whatever non-enforcement of the immigration laws in the United States exists, is due in large measure to exceptional circumstances found in this country rather than neglect or inefficiency on the part of the immigration service.

SCIENTISTS DISCUSS SOUL AFTER DEATH

Must Possess Continuity Argues Dr. Heber D. Curtis

Philadelphia, Dec. 30.—Scientists were called on to-night by Dr. Heber D. Curtis, an astronomer from Allegheny Conservatory, to prove the existence of the soul after death.

Addressing the American Astronomical Society meeting in conjunction with the American Association for the Advancement of Science, Dr. Curtis asserted the soul must possess continuity and that such a conclusion was inevitable.

"There seems at present," he said, "to be a gap between the outer universe and that of the atom. Personally I am ready to admit another gap between the world of matter and that of spirit, with energy, matter, space and time continuing, with nothing lost. Are we ourselves the only manifestation that comes to an end, stops, ceases, is annihilated at three score years and ten?

"What we crudely call spirit of man makes new compounds, plays with the laws of chemical action, guides the forces of the atom, changes the face of the earth, gives life to new forms; a creative spirit which reasonably cannot cease to be.

"This thing, soul, nimd, spirit, cannot well be an exception. In some way, as yet impossible to define, it too must possess continuity. The concept is old, but the conclusion is inevitable."

POLICE SEARCH FOR STRANGLE MURDERER

Man Wanted in Kansas Suspected of Seattle Killings

Women Slain While Husbands Were at Work

Kansas City, Dec. 30.—(Associated Press)—Police still were searching for clues to-night in the mysterious death by strangulation here of two women and a baby in the last three days.

A "pickup" order was issued to-night for Adrian Harris, the man suspected of numerous strangling murders in Seattle, Portland, and Council Bluffs, Iowa. Since the deaths yesterday of Mrs. Germania Harpin, twenty-eight, and her eight-months-old son paralleled the death Monday of Mrs. Bonnie Pace, twenty-three, detectives were inclined to study reports from the other cities, where murders of women by strangulation have been reported.

A description of Harris, sought by Seattle authorities as the strangle-murderer there was given in a police circular from that city and says he is "known as Adrian Harris; weighs about 180 pounds, is about 6 feet 8 inches tall and between thirty and forty years old."

The "pickup" order was issued following information furnished police by W. D. Potts, who lives a block distant from the Pace home. Potts told police a man called at his home Monday to inquire about renting a room, and his description of the man, police say, closely fits that of Harris.

The man was at the Potts home about an hour before the time Mrs. Pace is believed to have been murdered.

In both the Potts and Harpin murders, the bodies of the victims were discovered by the husbands of the slain women when they returned home from work. In both cases, a sign advertising rooms for rent was displayed on the houses. No motives for the murders other than the viciousness of some fiend could be ascribed by the police.

TELEGRAPH BRIEFS

Edmonton, Dec. 30.—There are 590 barristers and solicitors on the membership rolls of the Law Society of Alberta, according to the annual report of C. P. P. Conybeare, K.C., of Lethbridge, president, made at the annual meeting in the Court House. This means one lawyer for each of the 1,000 of population and is a decrease of more than a score from the maximum enrollment.

Ottawa, Dec. 30—There are 131 applications for divorce awaiting the reopening of Parliament in February. Of these 121 were residents of Ontario, and ten from Quebec. Most of the other provinces have divorce courts of their own and do not come to Ottawa to have marriages annulled.

Toronto, Dec 30—Rev. Dr. Andrew B. Chambers, former school teacher, clergyman and one-time governor of Toronto Jail, died yesterday in his eigthy-sixth year. He had served as pastor in various churches for forty-three years.

Ottawa, Dec. 30 (C.P.)—Following a fire which caused $55,000 damage to the Keys Hardware Supply Company premises here last night, the entire Ottawa police force is scouring the city for a pyromaniac who, in the opinion of the city's fire chief, has been responsible for four blazes, which have threatened the business section this month. The conflagrations have caused a total loss of close to $150,000.

Winnipeg, Dec. 29 (C.P.)—Robert F. Lyons, former member of the Manitoba Legislature for Norfolk, is dead at his home in Carberry, Man., Mr. Lyons, who was in his seventy-first year, was active in the public life of the province and at one time was whip of the Conservative party in the Legislature.

Washington, Dec. 30.—President and Mrs. Coolidge arrived here early to-day from Trenton, N.J., where the President spoke last night at the Battle of Trenton Celebration.

London, Dec. 30.—Great Britain's first flying traveling salesman has started his rounds from Brooklands in an airplane. He will visit customers in the principal towns of England and Ireland. The pioneer air "drummer" is J. P. Phillips of London. He is piloting the plane himself, having obtained a license several months ago.

Calgary, Dec. 30.—One hundred and forty quarts of nitro glycerine were used to "shoot" the McLeod No. 2 well in the Turner Valley field, near Calgary Thursday night and as a result between five and six million feet of gas accompanied by gasoline is flowing from the well at the rate of 150 and 200 barrels a day.

Toronto, Dec. 30.—The University of Toronto will hold a special convocation on Tuesday for the purpose of conferring the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws on Right Hon. Stanley M. Bruce, Premier of Australia, it was announced to-night.

Calgary, Dec. 30:—Pat Burns, who is at his home suffering from pneumonia, has passed the crisis and is on the road to recovery, he is gaining strength daily, according to Dr. Lincoln, his physician.

BIBLE IN AFRICA

New York, Dec. 30.—The Bible or some portion of the Scriptures has been translated into one-third of the 800 known languages and dialects spoken in Africa, according to Dr. William I. Haven, general secretary of the American Bible Society.

MARRIED PUPILS

Martinez, Calif., Dec. 30.—A man and his wife, each seventeen years old, are on the student roll of Alhambra high school. This was disclosed when it was revealed that Floyd Carroll and Frankie Lackey, seniors, ran away and were married.

HUNTS AT 85

Middletown, N.Y., Dec. 30.—At the age of eighty-five, Dave Avery, former sheriff of Sullivan county, is preparing for another busy season of fox hunting. Dave calls it the best and most interesting sport in the world, saying he'd rather hear the sounds of a pack in full cry than any orchestra in the world.

New Year's Gifts

We have many useful articles suitable for New Year Gifts at low prices. If you overlooked a friend at Christmas, New Year gives you a chance to repair the mistake.

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Quality, style and value make this after-Christmas sale one of exceptional merit. Many women have taken this opportunity to replenish their wardrobes at a very substantial saving—Visit the garment section here to-morrow and see for yourself the wonderful bargains being offered.

These Fur-trimmed Coats Reduced to Sell at $19.75, $21.75, $27.50 and $39.00

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Every Evening Dress in our entire stock has been greatly reduced in price for this after-Christmas apparel sale. Right now is the time for you to select a new Evening Gown of the latest style at much below its regular marking. There are many beautiful and exclusive styles to select from.

Here Is Your Opportunity to Have a New Frock for New Year

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Friday at $11.95 and $24.95

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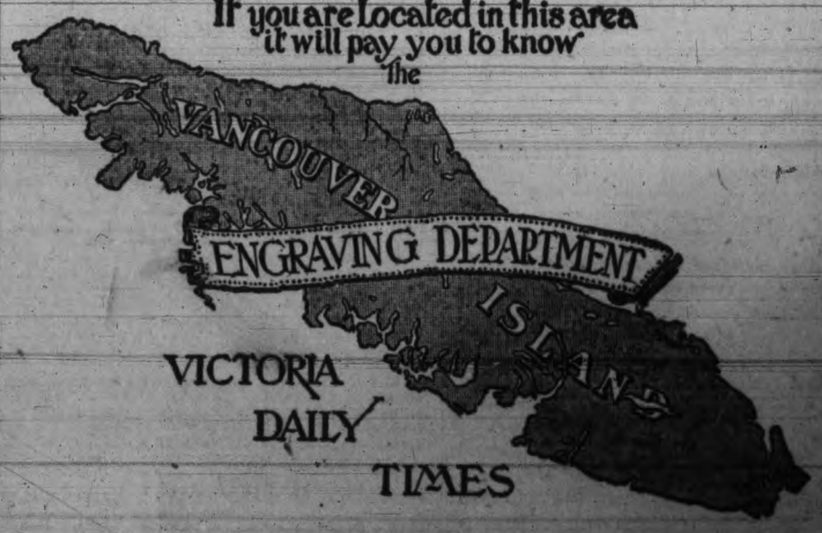

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STILL GOING STRONG

IF THE FACT THAT MORE MEN ARE employed in the Dominion than there were in the record year of 1920, that the general wage scale is higher, that savings deposits continue to increase, that farmers' profits are higher, that industries are humming from the Atlantic to the Pacific, and that a wholesome activity in trade generally will continue means anything at all, it means that there is nothing the matter with the Dominion of Canada as a going concern as the end of 1926 approaches. The monthly letter of the Royal Bank of Canada just issued notes these conditions with obvious satisfaction and comments on them in the following terms:

The great crops of 1925 and 1926, the flow of wealth from the mines of British Columbia, Alberta, Ontario, Quebec and Nova Scotia, the record newsprint production, the improved position of the railroads and the steady expansion of Canadian manufacturing, have combined to produce a sound prosperity throughout the country.

The industrial and financial structure is now on so substantial a basis that enthusiasm concerning the future seems eminently justified.

The financial structure of the country, as measured in terms of purchasing power in the hands of the consumer, is in a particularly strong position. This general condition is reflected in the large increase in savings in the form of bank deposits and in investment in life insurance and securities.

In the case of industry the number of men employed exceeds the number in the record year of 1920, and the wage scale is proportionately much higher in relation to the cost of living than it was in 1913.

Much the same relationship is shown between the price of agricultural products and the general commodity index.

The farmer receives about 60 per cent. more for his products than in 1913, while he pays about 50 per cent. more for the articles he purchases. Such price relationships give promise of continued activity in wholesale and retail trade in the near future.

Perhaps the most outstanding fact to be noted in a retrospect of 1926 is the growth of confidence in the immediate future, emanating, as it does, from all parts of the West. It has produced stability, while the beginning of the march of new settlers; the improved outlook for the adequate settlement and distribution of the newcomer; the prospective influx of new capital to engage in the opening up and development of the natural resources; the possibilities and prospects for the marketing of agricultural products; the improvements made in grading and marketing; the gradual expansion of trade; the return of activity in construction work; the more specific attention given to export market possibilities; the active publicity work in other countries; and the growth of the tourist traffic, have all become daily objectives in the carrying out of Western programmes for advancement.

DEMANDING PEACE IN INDUSTRY

PUBLIC MEN, INDUSTRIALISTS, LABOR leaders, and newspapers in Great Britain are discussing a proposal to lay the foundations for the elimination of industrial disturbances in the hope that it will be possible for the country to go through 1927 without a single strike or lockout. The primary objective is the establishment of a spirit of co-operation between employers and employed—the elimination of mistrust and the bickerings which it so often produces. Orders have been pouring into the country since the end of the deadlock in the coalfields and this encouraging condition is being referred to by supporters of the new movement as convincing evidence that plenty of business awaits if the country will only settle down to do it and assure buyers that their contracts will not be interfered with by new conflicts between Capital and Labor.

From the mass of good advice which has been given from platform and pulpit, appeals for "a better spirit in industry" which have been warmly supported throughout the country, the following extract from a speech which Mr. J. H. Thomas, the railwaymen's leader and former Cabinet Minister, is worth noting for the amount of sound sense which it contains:

> A country with a debt of six thousand millions, dependent for four days out of six on the foreigner for the food its people eat, and in which an excess of imports over exports means an automatic rise in the cost of living, cannot afford to have any more conflicts.

Already it has been shown that the cost of the recent prolonged coal strike easily exceeded the cost of the South African War. And, as one commentator put it the other day, "it happens that the war to end war has fallen between the two points of contrast or comparison—the Boer War and the coal strike." Obviously, therefore, Mr. Thomas is right. Great Britain can not afford any more wars. The taxpayer is well aware of the truth of this not new but very potent remark. Those who either are unaware of it, or wilfully ignore it by following the strike-at-all-times policy, are the misleaders who imagine that a complete knock-down of everything ought in the nature of things to precede the reconstruction of everything according to their vision of Utopia.

These are the warmongers of Britain's industrial life, whose activities strike at the heart of the country's home life as well, and leave a trail of hardship and misery that we in Canada find it difficult to understand. Yet, strangely enough, they are the very men who roundly denounce the idea of war abroad. They see that war against a foreign enemy never pays; but they suppose it will profit those who wage it against their fellow citizens. Compared with the Boer War, for instance, the coal strike has cost more in hard cash and, quite possibly, as much in anxiety and suffering for the people. Nevertheless they would have condemned the Boer War.

IMPROVEMENT IN FARM MACHINERY

WITHOUT QUESTION WESTERN Canada is the most progressive of the agricultural territories of the globe in its methods of farming. Labor-saving devices there have been brought to a high pitch of perfection and are being continually improved. Manual labor very largely has been eliminated from the various operations in contributing to the production of grain, and to-day the work of preparing the land, seeding, harvesting and storing is a matter of involved machinery in which brain is more important than brawn. The high standard of Canadian agricultural machinery has resulted in the development of a manufacturing industry which places its farm implements in nearly all of the agricultural countries of the world.

The development of a horse-drawn machine for cutting the grain, with its later improvement in the form of an elevator, a device for putting the stalks in bundles, and finally the binding apparatus, were all very progressive steps, and it was considered that practically everything possible had been achieved in the way of labor saving. This left the two major manual operations, the collecting of the sheaves into stooks for drying and ripening, and the centralizing of the stooks into stacks and their transport direct to the thresher. It is to accomplish these things that 50,000 men have to be brought into the Prairie Provinces each Fall. Now other developments forecast a further elimination of manual work and a further reduction in labor.

Success would seem to have attended efforts to develop a mechanical stooking device which has been the goal of inventors for years. Two farmers of Shandro, Alberta, as the result of five years of labor, have produced a machine which operated successfully in the recent harvest and considerably astonished visiting farmers. The machine is said to be superior in many features to other devices which have made their appearance in recent years. This machine is purported to work equally as well in all classes of grain. From six to ten sheaves can be placed in a stook, according to their size, and the bundles are subjected to less rough handling and shelling of grain than is often the case in hand stooking. In fact it is regarded as one of the greatest labor-saving devices on the farm since the advent of the self-binder.

WHAT OTHER PAPERS SAY

MR. RANEY'S PROPHECY

From The Montreal Gazette

W. E. Raney, leader of the Ontario Progressives and the foremost opponent of the Government's liquor policy, is not without honor as a prophet. He said that he would have a majority in four figures, and he was right; he was elected by 44. Malicious persons in Ontario suggest that a "point" between the two numerals would be highly appropriate.

OLD HALL OF LINCOLN'S INN.

From The London Truth

Now that every day sees the destruction of something that is old and beautiful. Londoners should feel grateful to the Benchers of Lincoln's Inn, who are giving back to us a fine monument of the Middle Ages, that has been hidden for over a century by a grimy coating of yellow stucco. Work on the old hall of Lincoln's Inn and adjoining chambers has now progressed far enough to reveal considerable beauties in Tudor brick anad stone carving. Lincoln's Inn hall is, I believe, the oldest in the Inns of Court—it dates from 1489—and was used as the Court of Chancery before the present monstrosity disfigured the

Queer Quirks of Nature

By ARTHUR N. PACK

The name "beech" is from the Anglo-Saxon, and means at once a book and a beech tree. The connection probably originated in the fact that the ancient Runic tablets were formed of thin boards of beechwood.

Beech-mast, the fruit of the tree, once was known in England as buck, and the county of Buckingham is so named from its fame as a beech - growing country.

The fruit has been used as a food in times of famine, and yields a certain oil which in more primitive sections is used as substitute for butter in cooking.

The beech is one of the most beautiful and widely distributed trees in North America. It is distinguished from its foreign cousin by its paler bark and lighter green, more sharply-toothed leaves; these are about three or four inches long, pointed at the tip, and when mature they are stiff and leathery with straight sunken veins.

Both species of the tree possess the same sturdy pillar-like stem, from which the main branches rise vertically, while the subsidiary branches spread outwards and give the whole tree a rounded outline.

It is handsome in every stage of growth, with a remarkable power of holding the ground where the soil is congenial and the deep shade prevents the growth of other trees.

The wood is very hard but not remarkable for strength or durability. Its principal use at present is in chairs, bedsteads and minor articles. It is also useful in the manufacture of chemicals and makes excellent fuel and charcoal.

A THOUGHT

Mercy and peace are met together; righteousness and truth have kissed each other.—Ps. lxxxv. 10.

Hate shuts her soul when doye-eyed, Mercy pleads.—Charles Sprague.

Do You Mean What You Say?

"AN OLD FOX"

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One who displays unusual cunning, particularly of a strategic nature, is often referred to as an "old fox," in recogition of the quality peculiar to that animal. The soubriquet was first made popular by attachment to Marshal Soult, third marshal-general of France, whose successful manipulation of the armies of France throughout his long and colorful career won a long series of engagements for his country. The first "old fox" lived for nearly fifty years after being made marshal of France, and received nearly every honorary title in the power of his country to bestow.

Canadian Questions and Answers

HOSTELS FOR WOMEN

Q.—How many hostels for women are there in Canada?

A.—In order to provide temporary accommodation for women arriving in Canada, Canadian women's hostels are located at: Nova Scotia, 163 Young Avenue, Halifax; New Brunswick, 35 Union Street, St. John; Quebec, 31 Drummond Street, Montreal; Ontario, 72 Carlton Street, Toronto; Manitoba, 130 Austin Street, Winnipeg; Saskatchewan, 1839 Lorne Street, Regina; Alberta, 120 Fourth Avenue West, Calgary; British Columbia, 997 Dunsmuir West, Vancouver. At these hostels twenty-four hours' free accommodation is provided for women seeking housework, and for others board and lodging can be secured at a nominal rate. Women are assisted in obtaining suitable employment through the management of the hostel.

The WEATHER

Daily Bulletin Furnished by the Victoria Meteorological Observatory

Victoria, Dec. 30.—5 a.m.—Another ocean storm is causing southerly gales on the Coast and mild weather extends eastward to the Prairie Provinces.

Reports

Victoria—Barometer, 29.95; temperature, maximum yesterday, 47; minimum, 46; wind, 30 miles S.E.; rain, .18; weather, cloudy.

Vancouver—Barometer, 29.98; temperature, maximum yesterday, 48; minimum, 42; wind, 8 miles E.; rain, .62; weather, raining.

Kamloops—Barometer, 30.00; temperature, maximum yesterday, 44; minimum, 36; wind, calm; weather, cloudy.

Barkerville—Barometer, 29.82; temperature, maximum yesterday, 32; minimum, 32; wind, 10 miles S.W.; weather, cloudy.

Prince Rupert—Barometer, 29.04; temperature, maximum yesterday, 44; minimum, 44; wind, 22 miles S.E.; rain, .34; weather, raining.

Estevan Point—Barometer, 29.74; temperature, maximum yesterday, 50; minimum, 44; wind, 16 miles S.E.; rain, .12; weather, raining.

Tatoosh—Barometer, 29.84; temperature, maximum yesterday, 48; minimum, 46; wind, 48 miles S.; rain, .18; weather, cloudy.

Seattle—Barometer, 30.08; temperature, maximum yesterday, 52; minimum, 44; wind, 4 miles S.E.; rain, .72; weather, raining.

San Francisco—Barometer, 30.26; temperature, maximum yesterday, 52; minimum, 44; wind, 4 miles S.E.; weather, clear.

Temperature

	Max.	Min.
Victoria	47	46
Vancouver	48	42
Penticton	40	..
Grand Forks	27	..
Nelson	37	..
Calgary	42	22
Edmonton	46	18
Qu'Appelle	38	26
Winnipeg	30	18
Toronto	32	..
Ottawa	30	..
Montreal	28	..
St. John	42	..
Halifax	46	..

Keating

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Cameron and son Kenneth, of Port Angeles, have returned home after spending Christmas with Mrs. Cameron's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. Sherring, Keating Cross Road.

S. Caldwell and Mr. E. Caldwell, of Ladysmith, were visitors in the district during the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Goodwin, of Victoria, were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Styan, Central Saanich Road, during the holiday.

Miss Alma Copithorne, of Alberta, is visiting her grandmother, Mrs. McKay, East Saanich Road.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Gale, Stelly's Cross Road, spent the Christmas holidays in Port Angeles as the guests of their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. L. Hafer.

Miss Florence McCarthy and Mr. Walter McCarthy of Vancouver, and Mr. Charles McCarthy of Port Angeles, are spending the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. McCarthy, Bryan Road.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Sutherland and daughter Dale, V. and S. Road, spent the week-end visiting relatives in Victoria.

Barry Dean, of Walla Walla, Oregon, is spending the holidays visiting Mr. and Mrs. M. Dean, Telegraph Road.

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Saanichton, will celebrate their golden wedding anniversary on Friday, December 31, and will be pleased to welcome old and new friends at the home of their daughter, Mrs. William Derenberg, East Saanich Road, between the hours of 2 and 5 o'clock.

The Saanich Pioneers will hold the annual dance in the Agricultural Hall, Saanichton, on New Year's Eve. Brook's four-piece orchestra will provide old and new-time music and arrangements for a jolly time are in charge of a capable committee.

The Temperance Hall was the scene of a merry gathering on Tuesday afternoon, when the South Saanich Women's Institute entertained the children of the district at a Christmas party. The centre of attraction was the Christmas tree laden with a Christmas stocking filled with a gift and dainties for each child.

Games were heartily entered into during the afternoon, and a treasure hunt was won by Master Ernie Styan. Leonard Collins loaned his orthophonic for the event, and provided music throughout the afternoon for games and dancing. Decorated tables were laid in the dining-room and at 4.30 o'clock the grand march was held and the children sat down to a delicious supper. After supper dancing was indulged in until 5.30 o'clock, when Santa Claus arrived. The following committee was in charge of the affair: Mrs. J. J. Young, Mrs. Gliddon, Mrs. Randall, Mrs. Warner and Mrs. Sutherland, assisted by the members and the girls of the junior institute.

BRITAIN AND U.S. MUST SAVE WORLD

Says Australian Premier in New York Dinner Speech

New York, Dec. 30.—Preaching the doctrine of the economic and political salvation of the world by the British Commonwealth and the United States, Premier Stanley M. Bruce of Australia, dashed about to luncheon, receptions and dinner in New York to-day.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce were guests at a reception given by the English-speaking Union. Here Premier Bruce made his first address of the day.

"If Britain and the United States will work together there is hope for mankind," he said. "If they do not, nothing that mankind can devise can possibly succeed."

DIFFERENT MENTALITY

"There is no use denying," he said, "that continental Europe looks upon world affairs with quite a different mentality to Britain and America.

"There are, in short, from the standpoint of our two nations only two great moral forces in the world—America and the British Empire.

"What, then, is necessary to insure a return to sanity? First we must somehow or other readjust and rehabilitate the economic circumstances of Europe.

"This is a task in which Britain and America are called upon to co-operate; and we must get together on the question of disarmament."

Last night, addressing the Pilgrims' Club, Mr. Bruce told the members that Europe has forgotten what the United States did during the world war and sees her now glutted with gold and bent on holding every country to ransom.

"Knowing America as I do," he told the Pilgrims, "the misunderstanding in Europe with regard to your nation is to me a matter of deep regret.

MISUNDERSTANDING

"America, on the other hand, does not attach sufficient importance to the racial and national difficulties of Europe, the ancient feuds and antipathies, nor understand fully what tragic sufferings came to Europe as a result of the war. She regards the European states as hopelessly effete units who have brought themselves to the verge of ruin by continual quarrels, insane jealousies and excessive militarism. Furthermore, she thinks that instead of now paying their debts they are still piling up armaments in the face of economic and national disaster.

"Both these views are due to hopeless misunderstanding and lack of sympathy."

BUSY VISIT

Washington, Dec. 30. — Premier Stanley M. Bruce of Australia and Mrs. Bruce arrived in Washington to-day with a busy visit mapped out both for to-day and to-morrow. The Premier is to be received by President Coolidge and to confer with him and also to see Frank B. Kellogg, Secretary of State, and other prominent government officials.

Sir Hugh Denison, commissioner for Australia to the United States, escorted the party from New York to Washington. More than 100 officers of the navy and their wives greeted the Premier and Mrs. Bruce at a luncheon given at the Hotel Mayflower. The naval officers entertained the distinguished visitors as a mark of appreciation of the welcome extended by Australia at the time of the visit of the United States fleet to Sydney in the Summer of 1925.

DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

Curtis D. Wilbur, United States Secretary of the Navy, and Mrs. Wilbur, headed those honoring the Premier and Mrs. Bruce. To-night Sir Hugh and Lady Denison will entertain Mr. and Mrs. Bruce at a dinner.

The Secretary of State and Mrs. Kellogg, Herbert Hoover, Secretary of Commerce, and Mrs. Hoover, and many other distinguished guests, will be present, among them the Charge d'Affaires of Great Britain and Mrs. Henry Chilton and other officials of the British Embassy.

$30,000,000 SPENT YEARLY FOR GRAFT

Princely Sum Makes Job Hard For Chicago Dry Officers

Chicago, Dec. 30.—Graft estimated at $30,000,000 a year in the Chicago district, comprising the nineteen northernmost counties of Illinois, was remarked upon as "A force to be reckoned with in politics," by Edwin A. Olson, Federal District Attorney, in reporting to Washington to-day upon his four years of office soon to end.

The Volstada Act and possibilities of enforcing it were dilated upon with the final observation that "The manufacture and sale of liquor as a business can be stopped in this district whenever the government receives proper co-operation from local law enforcement officials."

SHARPEST WEAPON

The permanent injunction he characterized as prohibition's sharpest weapon and said that while there are only three federal judges in the district to handle all litigation, there are in Chicago fifteen times that many equally capable of directing padlockings.

Mr. Olson said his office had convicted more than 6,000 bootleggers in the past four years, a larger number than any other prosecuting office in the country and had set another record in the number of places padlocked by injunction for one year.

The district attorney disclaimed that prohibition had made officials turn crooked, but had opened up new sources of revenue for the same grafting officials who always protected gambling, prostitution, dope peddling, thievery and other forms of crime.

YEARLY TOTAL

It has been estimated that the graft collected from booze, vice and crime in this district amounts to the princely sum of $30,000,000 a year," he said.

"The influence of $30,000,000 of yearly graft money is a force to be reckoned with in politics. It reaches into high places. It finances campaigns. It will stop at nothing to prevent the prosecution and punishment of its beneficiaries or to discredit and destroy any honest public official who refuses to touch its dirty money or to listen to its seductive offers of political advancement."

Politicians are incapable of enforcing prohibition, he asserted, and the enforcement machinery should be placed in the hands of those who believe in enforcement and the enforcibility of the prohibition laws.

Lieut.-Governor Entertains Boys of Parliament

Members of the Boys' Parliament were entertained at tea yesterday at Government House by His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor and Miss Mackenzie. The visitors were presented on arrival and conducted to the dining-room.

Rogers Foote expressed the appreciation of the youthful parliamentarians at the kindness shown by their distinguished host. His Honor replied, expressing his own pride that the boys of British Columbia were so progressive as to have an organization for the development of their civic and political consciousness.

SENATORS CLASH ON NICARAGUA TROUBLE

Borah Warns U.S. Against Being Tricked Into Intervention

Washington, Dec. 30.—Warning that the United States should guard against being tricked into intervention in Nicaragua was coupled today by Chairman Borah of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee with a statement expressing his apparent conviction that U.S. efforts in that country now were being confined to the protection of American life and property.

His views, made public after a conference with Secretary Kellogg, in which he went over reports from Rear-Admiral Julian Latimer, in command of U.S. forces in Nicaragua, ran counter to those of Senator Wheeler, Democrat, Montana, who announced he would introduce a resolution in the Senate calling for the withdrawal from Nicaragua of warships unless they were brought away voluntarily. A third senator to enter the list, Senator Randsell, Democrat, Louisiana, asserted Democratic support would be given the administration policy "instanding behind the Diaz government in Nicaragua."

Along with his own statement, in which he expressed the hope that U.S. forces would be taken from the Central American republic as soon as Americans were ascertained to be safe, Senator Borah gave out a telegram from Alvaro Obregon, former president of Mexico. Obregon approved the Borah stand on Latin-American subjects and spoke of "violence inflicted against the sovereignty and dignity of the Latin-American countries with the sole purpose of protecting, as has been stated, private rights of individuals and American enterprises, especially at this time when moral principles of right and justice have been apparently shipwrecked under the weight and the influence of the big moneyed interests and at a time when brutal force seems to be trying to rule the world."

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TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO TO-DAY

Victoria Daily Times, December 30, 1901

A three-masted American schooner lies on the rocks between Carmanah and Cape Beale, wrecked by the Christmas storm, according to word brought on the steamer Duke of Fife which arrived to-day from China.

Fire causing a total damage of $150,000 broke out in Spencer's Arcade building on Saturday night and kept the city firemen at work for two hours getting it under control.

The steamer Glengarry arrived to-day to load 1,200 tons of case salmon for England.

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Pork Steaks, per lb. .....27¢

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Blade Bone Roasts, per lb. .....12¢
Cross Rib Roasts, per lb. .....14¢
Rolled Pot Roast, per lb. .....16¢

Rolled Prime Ribs, per lb. .....21¢
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Rump Roasts, per lb., 20¢ and .....17¢

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Singapore Pineapple Cubes, per tin .....13¢
Ashcroft Potatoes, 6 lbs. for .....15¢
Good Onions, 6 lbs. for .....15¢

Dainty Dates, 2 pkgs. for .....35¢
1 pkg. Sun-Maid Puffed Raisins, 1 pkg. Sun-Maid Seedless Raisins — both for 29c
King Beach Red Plum Jam, 4s, per tin 37c
Bournville Cocoa, ½s, per tin .....34¢
Libby's Crushed Pineapple, 1s, 2 tins for....25¢
Robin Hood Oats, 6s, per sack.....33¢
Blue Ribbon Peaches, 11 ozs., per pkg.....18¢

READY-TO-WEAR BARGAINS FOR FRIDAY

Sale of Women's and Misses' COATS

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Coats for $25.00 — Very Dressy Coats of pinpoint, velour or tweed, trimmed with such reliable furs as sealine, fitch, Thibetine, muffloon and opossum. All popular shades. Great value **$25.00**

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Girls' Coats of blanket cloth, velour and tweeds, tailored or fur trimmed, smart styles for ages 12 to 14 years. Values to $14.95. On sale for **$10.95**

Misses' Coats of velour cloth, marvella and tweeds, all smart new shades, fur trimmed; also a few navy chinchilla tailored coats. Values to $21.00. On sale for **$15.75**

—Children's Wear, First Floor

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—Mantles, First Floor

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Spun Silk Tricolette Overblouses, best grade, tailored styles; tucked in or hemmed at bottom. And Novelty Tricolette Blouses in two-tone effects. On sale for **$5.98**

—Blouses, First Floor

Sale of Winter Millinery

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A few very good Black Velvet and Satin Afternoon Models, in excellent condition, all black or with slight relief; values from $12.50 to $27.50, for **$6.98, $9.98** and **$12.50**

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—Millinery, First Floor

Men's Raincoats, $5.95

Heavy Raincoats with wool lining; double breasted, two-way collar; sizes 34 to 38. On Sale, each **$5.95**

—Men's Clothing, Main Floor

Girls' Smart Two-piece Dresses

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Middy Dresses of navy serge with pleated skirts and middy trimmed with red braid. Dresses with pleated plaid skirts and navy jumper with plain collar and cuffs. Styles and sizes for girls from 8 to 14 years. On sale for..... **$3.75**

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—Sweaters, Second Floor

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Girls' Navy Serge Gym Tunics and Skirts for School Wear

Gym Tunics of fine English serges, square yoke style with three box pleats back and front, on square or round necks. Finished with belt. Sizes for 5 to 15 years, priced according to size and quality, **$4.50** to **$9.50**

Girls' Navy Serge Skirts, various styles, steam pleated, with detachable bodice of white cotton. Sizes for 5 to 15 years, priced according to size and quality, from **$3.00** to **$7.50**

—Children's Wear, First Floor

Bargains in the Corset Section

Brassieres of fancy pink cotton brocade, back hook style with elastic in waist line. On sale, each ... **39¢**

Corselettes of strong pink cotton broche, side hook style, elastic over hips and lightly boned across abdoman. On sale for .. **$1.00**

Corset Belts, medium and large sizes, made of fancy pink cotton in side hook style with light boning in front; or of strong pink coutil, fastened in front with three strong domes. On sale, each **$1.00**

Corselettes of satin striped cotton, side hook style with sections of elastic in hips; lightly boned. On sale, for **$1.69**

Brassieres of heavy white broche, back hook, extra deep style with elastic in sides; regular $2.50 each. On sale for **$1.49**

—Corsets, First Floor

MIDWINTER SALE OF MEN'S Suits and Overcoats

Overcoats, including blue chinchillas and heavy overcoatings, silk and venetian lined, single and double-breasted, sizes 34 to 44; regular $25.00. On sale for **$12.50**

Overcoats of blue chinchillas and heavy tweeds, single and double-breasted, half belter and loose backs; latest patterns. Regular to $30.00, for **$18.50**

High-grade Overcoats, English and Canadian makes, blue chinchillas, Meltons and other wool cloths; silk and plush lined. Regular to $45.00, for **$24.50**

Suits of tweed and worsteds, in newest shades, including pin stripes, herringbones, plain and heather; sizes 34 to 42. Regular to $22.00, for **$11.75**

Suits for young men or conservative dressers, single and double-breasted, tweeds and worsteds; popular colors and patterns. Regular to $30.00, for **$18.50**

Suits of English worsteds and tweeds, high-grade, styles for all, latest shades and colorings. Regular prices to $35.00. On sale, for **$23.50**

—Men's Clothing, Main Floor

Navy and Black Pleated Skirts

$3.90 and $6.90

Skirts of poiret twill and tricotine, in assorted pleats, plain styles trimmed with buttons and narrow belt; sizes 27 to 31. Regular $9.90 for **$3.90**

Pleated Skirts, of poiret twill and gabardine with narrow belt; sizes 16 to 32. Regular to $17.90. On sale for **$6.90**

—Mantles, First Floor

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—Children's Wear, First Floor

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Nice Juicy Lemons, dozen ..... 15¢
Florida Grapefruit, 3 for ..... 25¢
Sweet Navel Oranges, dozen ..... 25¢
Smyrna Pulled Figs, reg. 35c basket for ..... 23¢
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Sweet Navel Oranges, reg. 60c doz. for, doz. 45c
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WORMS

(This Article Especially Requested)

Every so often someone wants me to write about worms. I manage to edge past this subject unless I am requested to stop and observe it, as I dislike even the name, much less the thought of the miserable things.

Babies have worms much less often than their mothers suspect them of having them. In fact mothers' minds fly to worms the minute a baby exhibits any one of a number of perfectly harmless and babylike signs. Malnutrition, nervousness, indigestion are all attributed to worms, and the poor kiddies dosed with nauseous doses which, of course, don't do them a bit of good because they haven't any worms. Some mothers of the conscientious type, to whom a perfect siege of housecleaning is a joy forever, never miss a Spring without giving the children worm medicine on general principles. They feel then that the children as well as the house are "fixed" for the next season.

But most mothers can't imagine their children being victims of worms when they realize that worms don't just come from eating sugar (as so many think), but are actually swallowed in the egg and hatch out inside. Sounds terrible, doesn't it? Because that means that children have been eating dirty, unwashed food, infested with worm eggs! Now, how many mothers think their children have worms?

If a mother suspects her child of having worms, and of course it is possible for children to eat vegetables from the garden, imperfectly denuded of mother earth, and her earthly inhabitants, or fruit which has worms in it, etc., then the mother should examine the stools and wait until she finds signs of the worms there, before she begins any dosing with worm medicines.

There are several different types of worms, but they all can be seen in the stools, if not by the mother, by a doctor, and that is the only excuse one has for trying to get rid of them.

Some kinds of worms can be eliminated by medicines taken internally, others by injection of medicine. To get rid of them thoroughly, the mother needs some expert advice and sometimes help. Worm medicines are not to be given by amateurs, ever.

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SOCIAL PERSONAL WOMEN'S AFFAIRS AND CLUB NEWS

Pioneer Sister Rests After Twenty-six Years in North

Sister Mary Magdalene of Holy Cross Mission Tells Epic Story of Life in Alaska at Isolated School; Early Hardships

Very recently there left Victoria for Montreal, at the request of her aged and paralyzed father, a kindergarten teacher of St. Ann, Sister Mary Magdalene of the Sacred Heart, who has been taking a much needed rest here at St. Ann's Academy after an intensely active life of devoted service for the past twenty-nine years among the Indians at Holy Cross Mission, Alaska.

Something of the life at the Mission was told to a representative of The Times by this indomitable pioneer woman from the time of her first journey from Montreal to Alaska in 1897, when she went via San Francisco by the Ss. Bertha, until her coming out in June last on account of ill-health. She was accompanied at that time by a Sister nurse and the journey occupied twenty-three days, one night being spent at Fairbanks, one at Currie's, and one at Seward en route.

HOLY CROSS MISSION

The Mission at Holy Cross on the Yukon River is the development of a plan of the late Bishop Seghers, and the Sisters of St. Ann first arrived there in 1888, in charge of Sister Mary Jule who, twenty-five years later took her first holiday.

The site of the Mission was selected by the Jesuit fathers because of its nearness to the river and because of the surrounding timber. The Alaska missions are considered the most arduous of the missionary fields on account of the extreme severity of the long Winter, the difficulty of obtaining supplies, and the consequent exorbitant freight rates, and the low mentality of the native tribes as compared with other races. At Holy Cross a sawmill was erected in time and has proved most useful in supplying timbers for three missions in building material and fuel and also for the use of campers or fishermen.

Facing the river and with the mountains rising behind are the two mission houses, one of which serves as a boarding school for Indian girls, and also for little Indian boys under ten years of age, and is at present in charge of ten sisters, two of whom are teachers. The second house is for the older boys and is managed by three priests and five lay brothers. The entire number of children in residence during last year, was 150, including ninety girls and about sixty or seventy boys.

SOME NOBODY'S CHILDREN

Where do all the children come from, are they all orphans? The question naturally suggests itself. "Some are orphans, some are brought to us by their parents, some are nobody's children and there is no one to care for them but me," replied the little Sister, her bright eyes alight with love for these unfortunate little outcasts; who are mainly her charges since they first arrive at the mission at kindergarten age.

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Hyphens in Names Mean Nothing

London, Dec. 30.—Tailors are having such difficulty in collecting accounts that one West End firm patronized by fashion leaders has drawn up special instructions as a "credit guide" to its staffs. Among the points emphasized are:

"Hyphens in names mean nothing and are no excuse for credit."

"Don't be influenced by strangers who call themselves Major or Captain; they may be entitled to the prefix, but it is not evidence of means."

SILKEN TRESSES — This lovely head of hair is not the result of excellent care and frequent brushings, but of wise expenditure. It is one of the transformations made of fine white silk floss which Parisian ladies like so much for evening wear. Besides its fascinating lustre, it will take a marcel as well as hair—and silk is easier to find than long hair these days.

COMPLIMENT WIFE IS JUDGE'S ADVICE

List of Commandments Issued By Chicago Judge For Happiness in Married Life

Chicago, Dec. 30 — Judge Joseph Burke, of the court of domestic relations, is one man anxious to decrease his business in the new year.

In the hope that some of the 35,000 who make complaints in his court each year will take advantage of his judicial experience, he has issued a list of the following commandments for husbands and wives. Those who observe them, he said, will never make his acquaintance.

His commandments follow:

For husbands:

Don't hesitate to admit you are in the wrong. It is a matter of small importance and the reward is great.

Don't nag. Only the very rich can buy good liquor. The other stuff renders you blind, deaf and dumb—perhaps forever. Let it alone.

Indulge liberally in compliments. They raise a wife's spirits, make her a better cook, a finer mother and a more loving companion.

Give your wife a diversion from domestic routine, take her to a show, often if possible.

Lock petty business troubles in your office at night. Talk over the big troubles with your wife.

For wives:

In an argument, it softens the husband to tell him you were wrong, especially when you know you are not.

Don't nag.

Don't drink with your husband and then complain that he drinks too much. It never fills a man with admiration to see a woman drink.

Don't go to sleep at night with an aching heart. Ask forgiveness. Women do that much easier than men.

Arugments are distasteful and destructive. Men have too many of them at work to enjoy them when they get home.

If your husband has money insist upon dressing well. If he has not don't make life miserable for him, scolding him about it.

Don't bother your husband with petty household annoyances at night. Tell him he's the world's greatest husband and he will be.

EX-SERVICE MEN HOSTS TO KIDDIES

Veterans of France Held Annual Christmas Tree and Party Yesterday

The Veterans of France held their annual Christmas tree and party for the children of members yesterday afternoon, when some 200 children and as many mothers were guests of the ex-service men and the Ladies' Auxiliary.

The headquarters on Douglas Street was the scene of the festivity, and shortly after 2 o'clock the little guests began to arrive for the much-anticipated party.

The first item on the programme was tea, which was served in relays. The tots from two to seven years were first catered to, then these were succeeded by children from eight to eleven years; then twelve to thirteen years, the babies and their mothers being last of all. The long table was beautifully decorated with minature Santa Claus, holly and the candles concealed in scarlet and green wrappers at each place added a further note of color.

At the conclusion of the repast each sitting of youngsters was taken downstairs, where a huge Christmas tree, beautifully decorated with red and green streamers, glittering ornaments, balloons and colored lights delighted the little guests.

Comrade Mackenzie assumed the role of Santa Claus and distributed a toy to each of the 201 kiddies.

A splendid programme added further to the enjoyment of the little guests. From three till seven o'clock F. Merryfield gave an exhibition of wizardry which mystified youngsters and grown-ups alike. The following pupils of Mrs. Gaskill danced: Thelma Potter, skirt dance; Diano Pastro, Irish reel; Iris Gaskill and Iris Donovan, minuet; Marjorie Taylor, The Spirit of To-day; Barrie Taylor, Basket of Roses, and sailors' hornpipe; Stuart Cadger, recitation. Miss Thain and Mrs. Andros acted as accompanists.

Mrs. George Simpson, president of the Ladies' Auxiliary, welcomed the guests, and much of the success of the affair was due to the following indefatigable committee, Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. Ward, Mrs. Mason, Mrs. Wood and Miss E. Wood.

SOCIETY

Mrs. R. P. Wilmot has returned from a few days' visit in Vancouver.

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The Misses Adele and Jane McLeod have returned to their home on Howe Street.

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Mr. and Mrs. Dolsen are over from Vancouver and are at the Dominion Hotel.

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Miss Betty Dunne of Crofton is visiting Miss Joan Dean at the Collegiate School.

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D. Harmston has arrived from Courtenay, and is staying at the Dominion Hotel.

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Mrs. Denmark will visit her daughter, Mrs. Martin, in Seattle, for the next month.

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Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Forrest are down from Hillbank on a year-end visit at the Hotel Strathcona.

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Miss Helen McWha, of Vancouver, is the guest of Miss Gwendolyn Noel, Linden Avenue.

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Mr. and Mrs. John Haberman of Ellenburg, Wash., are on a year-end holiday visit at the Dominion Hotel.

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Mr. and Mrs. G. A. McMartin of Hammond are on a visit to Victoria. They are at the Hotel Strathcona.

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Mr. Gregory H. Gaitskell and Mr. C. Dudley Gaitskell of Thetis Island are spending a few days at the Hotel Strathcona.

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The Bishop of Columbia and Mrs. Schofield will be at home on New Year's Day from 3 to 6 p.m. at Bishop's Close.

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Mr. Gerald Hinchey, of Nebraska, and Mr. Edgar Griffin, of Seattle, are guests of Mr. Bob Michell, Work Street.

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Mrs. and Miss Gordon of Duncan came to Victoria yesterday afternoon on a year-end visit. They are at the Dominion Hotel.

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Mrs. Dalby Morkill of Vancouver and Miss Wilson of New York are guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Morkill, Pemberton Road.

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Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cox of Vancouver are visiting in Victoria as the guests of the former's aunt, Mrs. C. F. Cox, Crescent Road.

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Mr. and Mrs. Francis J. Armstrong of Seattle spent the week-end in town, the guests of Mr. Armstrong's parents, at 521 Michigan Street.

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Mr. and Mrs. Warren Morse of Port Angeles are visiting in Victoria as the guests of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Howar' Foul Bay Road.

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Mr. Jack Edgell of Vancouver is spending the season's holidays in Victoria as the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edgell, Hampshire Road, Oak Bay.

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Mr. A. A. Wells of Edmonton, Supreme Agent of the Knights of Columbus, arrived in Victoria to-day on a visit to the Victoria Local Council, No. 1256, Knights of Columbus.

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Mr. and Mrs. Macintosh, Alberta visitors, were the guests last week of the Rev. J. S. and Mrs. Patterson, Northcote Avenue, and subsequently of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Crawford.

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Lieutenant-Colonel J. C. Harris and the officers of the 5th (B.C.) Coast Brigade, Canadian Artillery, will be at home in their mess at the Armories from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. on New Year's Day.

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Among the West Coast visitors in town to-day are Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Gilman of Cocholot, Mrs. G. Palmer of Ucluelet and Mr. and Mrs. C. A. McNaughton, who are at the Dominion Hotel.

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Dr. Victorian Sivertz of the University of Washington, who has been spending the Christmas holidays in Victoria as the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. Sivertz, Denman Street, has returned to Seattle.

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Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Vincent and Miss Cicely Vincent, Erie Street, who have been spending the Christmas holidays in Vancouver as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Willis, returned to Victoria this afternoon.

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Mr. W. J. Aldrich of Regina, Mr. D. J. McGillivray of Winnipeg, Mr. Fleming of Saskatchewan, Mr. and Mrs. W. Elise of Champion, Alta., Mr. J. McCormick of Dalesboro, Sask., are among the prairie people in Victoria to-day at the Hotel Strathcona.

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Prairie people here to-day include H. S. Priest of Saskatoon, Mr. and Mrs. J. Hutcheson of Rosetown, Sask., W. J. Clement of Manitoba, Mr. and Mrs. A. Geof of Regina, W. Gilmour of Calgary, and A. Patterson of Mossband, Sask., who are all at the Dominion Hotel.

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Mrs. J. W. Turnbull of Banfield, who has been spending the Christmas holidays in Victoria as the guest of her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Jameson, Foul Bay Road, will leave on Saturday on the Ss. Princess Maquinna for her home on the West Coast.

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A pretty christening ceremony took place in Christ Church Cathedral on Sunday afternoon when the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Jacklin received the name of Georgie Alfreda. The Very Rev. Dean of Columbia officiated. Mrs. Alfred Tripp and Mrs. Leslie Sutton acted as godmothers and Alfred Tripp as godfather. After the ceremony a dinner party was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jacklin. The table was prettily done in red and green with a beautiful christening cake in the centre. Those present included: Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Jacklin, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Tripp, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Sutton, Miss Daphne Sutton, Alfred Tripp and Jack Davies.

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Mrs. G. Andrews of 1041 Bay Street entertained Tuesday evening at a delightful dance at the new Foresters' Hall in honor of her daughter, Miss Jennie Andrews. For the happy occasion the supper room was ornamented with seasonable decorations, and Pitt's orchestra supplied the popular music to which the following guests danced: Mr. and Mrs. Donald Smith, Mrs. William Levy, Mr. and Mrs. W. Walker, Mrs. M. J. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Smith, the Misses Inez Penzer, May Sandiford, Gwen Noel, Elsie Thompson, Ada Raines, Jean MacLachlan, Eleanor Dinsdale, Wilma Henderson, Alice Sandiford, Eleanor McLeod, Lillian Helgesen, Esther Bean, Bertha Ross, Rosie Steele, Florence Ellis, Maisie Hartley, Frances Smith, Margaret Green, Helen Green, Noel Cusack, Ona Duncan, Irene Bolden, Edith Dunn, Margaret Caythorne, Babs Bray, Gwen Dawson, Alexe Bradshaw, Amy Vye, May Thompson, Margaret Fawcett, Jennie Knight, Peggy Ditchburn, Bernice Penzer, May Deane, Margaret Armstrong, Marjorie Campbell, Doris Patrick, Laura Wilby, Kathleen Tobin, Alethea Curtis, Muriel Stewart, Fay Forrester, Margaret Miller, and Messrs. Harry Robertson, Oleg Stavricov, Ian Hastings, Eric Tredwell, Brian Hunnings, Ernie Harris, Leighton McMicking, Desmond Howard, George Farquhar, Cecil Hulke, Bill Delahunty, Blair Dickson, Ernest Peden, Dick James, Randy Tervo, Jack McKenzie, Fred Sandiford, Don McMurchie, Dave Thompson, Norman Findler, Byron Shade, Jack Horne, Tom Horne, Eldon Knott, Bill Dillabough, John Foubister, Frank Ellis, Bob Mitchell, Percy Rumble, Reg Stevens, Buzzie Coulter, Rennie Butler, Bud Hocking, Ed Mallek, Bill Mearns, Charles McKay, Harold Duncan, Harry Downard, Ned Gilbert, Waldo Skillings, Edward Clarke, Reg Wood, Vincent Dawson, Bill Peden; Mrs. E. Peterson, Gabriola Island; Miss Helen McWha, Vancouver; Gerald Hinchey, Nebraska, and Edgar Griffin, Seattle. Miss Gwen Noel gave an exhibition of fancy dancing during the evening.

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Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Wilson, St. Charles Street, entertained at their home last night in honor of their daughters, the Misses Norah and Helen Wilson. Zala's orchestra furnished the music. Evergreen and holly were prettily strung about the hall and drawing-room, and with chrysanthemums in the sitting and dining-rooms completed a charming decorative scheme. Among the invited guests were: Miss Helen Mackenzie, Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Grant, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Yarrow, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Victor MacDowell, Mr. and Mrs. D. Gillespie, Mr. and Mrs. E. Gillespie, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Ker, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. B. Ker, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Castle, Mr. and Mrs. C. Holmes, Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Duke, Dr. and Mrs. Ridewood, Dr. and Mrs. Allan Fraser, Mr. and Mrs. W. Church, Mr. and Mrs. Glen C. Holland, Mr. and Mrs. R. Hadley, Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Matson, Mr. and Mrs. Hew Patterson, Mr. and Mrs. Clark Gamble, Mr. and Mrs. James Gray, Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Eric McCallum, Lieut. and Mrs. Wood, the Misses Marion Wilson, Inez Ker, Patsy Heming, Mary Campbell, Mary Swinerton, Marian Pitts, Phyllis Henderson, Sheila Parr, Sheila Gillespie, Vivian Matson, Jane and Freda Warter, Betty and Lucy Bryden, Yoder Pemberton, Wilna, Polly and Phillipa Luxton, Carmen MacDowell, Maraquita Nichol, Ines Carey, Dorothy Crump, Barbara Bullock-Webster, Margaret Sayward, Mona Miller, Marjorie Oates, Carita Leeder, Alice Nash, Jennie Turner, Grace and Betty Robertson, Margaret Scott, Helen Macdonald, Mary Money, Phyllis Barton, Ruth Jones and Alice Goff, and Lieut. Lay, Lieut. Grant, Lieut. Gow, Dr. Stewart, Messrs. Dick Wilson, Kelly Heming, Don Campbell, Arthur Pitts, Larry Henderson, Pat Parr, J. Matson, R. Turner, P and A. Beasley, Alex. and B. McPhillips, Jack Hargrave, R. Darcus, T. Farrer, S. and H. Haynes, N. Fell, T. Holmes, Randle and Rawdie Mathews, B. Wootten, C. Smurthwaite, W. Hughes, M. Carmichael, E. Jones, J. Cunningham, Musgrave, E. Wilson, R. Diespecker, G. Tyson, H. Buss, N. Robertson, Ross Wilson, J. Hutchinson, Tom Lampman, J. Pemberton, D. Edgell, A. Watts-Jones, H. Crane, A. McCallum, W. Pemberton, J. Proctor, O. Pauline, George Barton, Jack Bryden and others.

Enjoyable Christmas Tree Entertainment Held by City Police

Santa Claus visited the children of the members of the Victoria Police Force at the recreation hall at the station yesterday. Santa carried a huge bag of gifts for the youngsters, arriving about 3 o'clock, and was accorded an uproarious greeting by the assembled children.

Each child walked up in turn to receive his or her present and great excitement attended the opening of the packages.

After the departure of Santa both children and adults sat down to dinner. The catering was carried out by Mrs. Harper, Mrs. Heatley, Mrs. Clayards, Mrs. Walker, Mrs. Barry, Sergeant Florence, Constable Harper, Constable Strong, and Harry Andrews.

The feature of the evening entertainment was a vaudeville show staged after supper. The Punch and Judy show was directed by Mr. Farmer with great success. Frank Merryfield gave a fine sleight-of-hand performance and Miss Gladys Acreman delighted the children with her recitations.

The older folks finished the evening dancing to the strains of Art Bishop's four-piece orchestra.

The committee in charge of the Christmas Tree entertainment was, Driver Bert Raines, Constable Arthur H. Bishop, and Constable Wells.

Police Dance.—The annual New Year's dance of the city police force will be held on Friday night at headquarters hall from 9 o'clock to 1 o'clock. The music will be provided by Bishop's four-piece orchestra, and refreshments will be served. Tickets may be secured from the police station, Sergeant Heatley, Constables Bishop and Rains or the office of Painter's Coal Company.

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St. Paul's Sunday School Renders Programme Before Large Audience

A very enjoyable Christmas concert by the Sunday school of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church was held in the assembly hall of Victoria West School on Tuesday evening. A large audience enjoyed the following programme:

Primary song and chorus, "Long Ago on Christmas Night"; recitation, "Hang up the Baby's Stocking," Jean Sloan; recitation, "He Didn't Think," Jack Patterson; Candle Story, by primary girls; recitation, "Gentleman John," Harvey Patterson; recitation, "He Was Scotch," Jennie Gibson; dialogue, "The Open Door," by the Mission Band; recitation, "The Mixed Message," Dorothy Humphries; trio (song), "Three Maids of Lee," by teachers; song, "Dear Little Squirrel," Jimmie Hay; recitation, "The Pretender," Jack Okell; dialogue, "Green Apples," by nine boys; recitation, "Raining Daffodils," Margaret Dickson.

Presentation of diplomas and seals to successful scholars by the minister, Rev. J. S. Patterson, who acted as chairman. After this interesting item two very impressive tableaux were given by members of the Christian Endeavor Society, one entitled, "Rock of Ages," in which a girl in white clung to a cross while a hidden choir sang the hymn.

The other one was "Ruth and Naomi." The story was read audibly while three girls acted the part of Orpah, Ruth and Naomi.

Clarence Crawford, a visitor from Alberta, gave an amusing recitation during the evening on "The Setting Hen." At the close candies were distributed to all the children present.

CONTENTMENT

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Time for reflection is the holiday season. As we think of the dying year, we are happy for what has been accomplished, and are thankful for all our good friends.

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CHARGES AGAINST AIMEE McPHERSON MAY BE DROPPED

Case so Muddled Conviction Impossible, Says Attorney

Los Angeles, Dec. 30—Dismissal of conspiracy charges against Aimee Semple McPherson, her former radio engineer, Kenneth G. Ormiston; her mother, Mrs. Minnie Kennedy, and Mrs. Lorraine Wiseman-Sielaf is imminent, District-Attorney Asa Keyes announced to-night on the eve of a new grand jury investigation into the evangelist's mysterious disappearance.

Keyes declared the charges of conspiring to obstruct justice and suborn perjury probably would be dropped due to "the collapse of the testimony of the principal witness," Mrs. Wiseman. This witness, who has confessed perpetrating a carmel "Miss X" the district attorney last night characterized as a "turncoat" and "perjurer," saying she had told a "different story every day."

"The McPherson case is now is such a muddled state that a conviction is almost impossible and the charges probably will be withdrawn," Keyes said. He was unable to say when such a move would be taken. Roland Rich Woolley, formerly the personal attorney of Mrs. McPherson and Mrs. Wiseman will be taken before the county grand jury to-morrow ,the prosecutor said.

PIONEER SISTER RESTS AFTER TWENTY-SIX YEARS IN NORTH

(Continued from page 6)

The grant made to the Alaska missions by the United States government was of the greatest assistance, but owing to new legislation by which all help has been withdrawn from all private schools, and any, save government institutions, the life of the missionaries has been made doubly hard.

HOTHOUSES IN ARCTIC

Holy Cross is 600 miles from Dawson, or about double the distance from White Horse to Dawson; it is 250 miles from Nulato where the Sisters of St. Ann have a thriving day school and most remarkable provisions for the growing of vegetables and flowers in their hothouse. This with a thermometer constantly hovering between thirty and fifty below zero may be accounted an unusual achievement. The Superior who has been in charge of the convent at Nulato for the past thirty-five years is deeply interested in agriculture, horticulture, and poultry raising. A fine chicken house established some years ago makes fresh eggs quite plentiful. The nearest convent neighbors in the other direction from Holy Cross are the Ursulinis at Ukulurak, 200 miles away.

Many privations and hardships at Holy Cross are lessened by the generous spirit of co-operation between the two mission houses, any delicacy in the way of fresh game received at one house is always generously divided if not given in its entirely to the other. When shortages occur in some commodities as for instance when the butter supply runs low, only the little ones and any who are ill are served butter and there is no complaint from the others.

REINDEER AS DELICACY

A herd of reindeer presented to the mission by the government five or six years ago, and now given over to the care of a native who furnishes a certain number of animals to the mission each year, affords an agreeable changes from the former eternal diet of fish. This, in addition to the vegetables grown first in the hothouse where planting is begun in April and growth steadily forced by the heat of a big wood-stove until weather permits of outside planting, usually early in June, all tends to improve the health of the native children who are often diseased and repulsive.

PROBLEMS OF GARDENING

The preparing of the soil for planting was a problem for the Sisters—soil is so shallow, so near the ice at all seasons, and the lack of domestic animals to furnish fertilizer added a new difficulty. The children in their daily walks in Summer were encouraged to take their little pails and search for bear tracks, by following these trails considerable natural fertilizer was collected, and each child allotted its own portion of ground broke up the earth, lifted and prepared it for planting. The result is vegetables of enormuous size and great crispness and sweetness, the prolonged hours of sunshine in Summer making up for the shortness of the season.

Vegetables are canned for Winter use. Delicious jams are made of the wild raspberries, red and black currants and cranberries; rabbits are also canned in lard and are very much appreciated for variety during the long Winter. Nor is the cultivation of flowers overlooked. Sweetpeas grow beautifully in the window boxes, pansies, nasturtiums, mignonette, all thrive well and vie with the exquisite delicacy and beauty of the Alaska wild flowers and heathers.

WINTER ISOLATION

During July and August a weekly boat calls at Holy Cross, but in Winter all travel is by dog-train, the Jesuit missionaries traveling many miles to the various missions and Indian villages during the Winter, too, much of the wood for fuel is cut, work continuing steadily for an entire month and the logs are drawn out to the sawmill by dogs, dogs drawing two logs at a time.

Formerly, during the fishing season when entire villages move to their chosen fishing grounds and camp there until the catch is made and the fish cut up, smoked or otherwise treated, two Sisters accompanied their charges in joining the expedition. A number of the larger boys unloaded the nets under the direction of a Brother and the girls did the cutting and preparing of the fish. Now the Sisters and girls no longer go to the fishing grounds.

NATIVE DELICACIES

The natives have their own peculiar methods of preserving wild berries in the oil of fish which has been allowed to thoroughly decompose in heated stone-lined pits, this unsavory mess is skimmed and the products thus obtained—"Chignacole" is used as butter for their bread, if any, as grease for cooking and as a medium in which to preserve wild fruits. Needless to say none of this delicacy is to be found in the larders at Holy Cross! Seal-oil combined with snow and berries, is the equivalent of icecream to the native children. The half underground huts, lived in by the natives, devoid of all comfort or convenience are merely smoky, ill-smelling shelters which, once having slid into, one is very loath to visit again.

CHILDREN WELL TRAINED

The children at the mission schools are trained in every useful way—the girls and younger boys, too, learn to sweep and scrub and clean, to cook, to sew and to cultivate the land. The Sisters have also taught them to play how to coast down the hills in Winter, and to play football, basket and baseball.

Every day at half past one sewing and mending is done by the Sisters and the girls. Almost all the clothing worn is made at the mission and the amount of mending is often colossal. The boys do the baking with a Brother as overseer, and also they are employed in the sawmill. Upon leaving the school these boys find ready employment on the river boats their skill in polishing and cleaning together with their general training, making them most useful.

FATHER BERNARD VAUGHAN

There is a boys' band of twelve pieces in which the older boys are trained. There is an organ in each house and the children sing well. About three years ago a piano was presented to the Mission and sent in from St. Michael's, Sister Mary Magdalene told with pleasure of the brief visits paid to Holy Cross by the renowned London pulpit orator, Father Bernard Vaughan, S.J., and Father Donnelly, O.M.I., for both of whom the children sang and received warm commendation.

Around the Mission schools a little settlement, at present comprising about thirty families, is slowly taking shape. Nearly its entire population are descendents of the former children of the schools, and their useful lives under improved conditions, contrast sharply with the Indian village, "Pimuto," about twenty-five miles distant.

LONGS TO RETURN

Sister Mary Magdalene speaks longingly of the Spring when she hopes to be allowed to return to her twenty-three little boys and five little girls under ten whom she delights to wash, dress, teach, and care for. "I am their mother," she says, "the only one to whom they turns for love and understanding when their natural protectors have failed to provide for them."

The children do all they know how to do to please this devoted sister. Last year when seven of the older boys in the junior house were obliged to move to the senior boys' house to make room for some smaller newcomers they went sadly enough. The senior house seemed to them not so spotless, not so tidy as their own and the seven sturdy little creatures set to work to make it like the "Baby's House."

They hung up clothing, swept and dusted and scrubbed and then came asking their foster mother and the Sister Superior to visit them in their new quarters and their delight at the pleasure of the Sisters in their efforts was very great.

TOUCHING FAREWELLS

At Tanana on her journey out from Holy Cross Sister Mary Magdalene was surprised to see five Indian youths boarding the boat. They were some of the children whom she had taught and had come to bid her goodbye; the simplicity and affection of the leave-taking moved the passengers to tears. Another young man met her at Fairbanks. Such slight returns for years of early rising—at four in the Winter to replenish the fires and keep her young charges comfortable, arduous tasks and constant self-sacrifice, seem sufficient to her ardent soul.

FAMILY OF RELIGEUSES

In Quebec the Sister will visit her father. Both his daughters were sisters of St. Ann and missionaries to Alaska—one of them has died—and of his eight sons, two are white Fathers and missionaries to Africa. Pere Amedie Goulet in Entebbe, Uganda, British East Africa since 1902, and Pere Octave Goulet in Katabi, Ukota, Uganda, East Africa, since 1907. These brothers, who are ten days' journey apart, meet once a year. So still flourishes the zeal of the early Canadian missionaries and the intrepid spirit of the explorers and voyagers who have made the greatness of French-Canada.

Was Helpless with Eczema. Now well

Mr. D. R. Spencer, Bashaw, Alta., says, "I had skin trouble for years. Language cannot describe my suffering. At times I could not close my hands. Three-fourths of the time I was laid up. Tried medicines and specialists. Got no relief till I tried Ovelmo. Now I'm satisfied my trouble has gone for good; hands are smooth as a baby's. I use any kind of soap. I am ever so thankful." Over 35,000 others say Ovelmo internal and external treatment rid them of Eczema and similar skin trouble. Ask your druggist for full Ovelmo treatment. Try it, see how quickly itching stops and every sign of blemish disappears. Results or money back.

OVELMO STOPS ECZEMA

WOMAN HOLDS HEAVIEST JOB IN SHOPS

Mrs. Annabelle Cooper, of Battle Creek, Mich., to use her own words, "was broke."

That was in the war days when jobs which formerly were considered strictly the prerogative of men, were going to women for the first time. Women were being employed in railroad shops, and Mrs. Cooper was one of those who secured work at the Canadian National Railways shops at Battle Creek.

Today she holds the heaviest job in the shops; a job of thrills, and is a lone woman among a shop force of 600 men. Her's is the job of operating all the cranes that lift locomotives which come into the shops for repairs, some of the engines weighing more than 150 tons. All day long she works on her little narrow platform, from 40 to 65 feet in the air. And during the years of her work she has never had the slightest mishap. Among other things it is her duty to detect defects in the wiring, fingers, contacts and brushes of the cranes and see that they are kept in repair. And to all the Bills, Joes, and Jims in the shops she is "Annabelle."

She went into the shops with 26 other women, and with armistice and readjustment the others went back to household or office tasks. Mrs. Cooper stuck to her job. She was filling the shoes of both father and mother to her little daughter Hilda, and her job meant a great deal to her.

"I love my home and my child," she said. "Of course, the work in the shops is not a woman's environment. As it is the practical thing to do, I wear overalls while doing my work. When I am through for the day I leave that side of my life behind me and go home housekeeping for the rest of the day. My one desire is to give my little child an education and the things that other children have. I love my work since I became used to it. Trade jobs with anyone? No, thank you!"

Undoubtedly the most powerful lifting device in Battle Creek, the huge crane operated by Mrs. Cooper is run by a travelling motor of 50 horse power and two hoisting motors of 50 horse power, one on each carriage. The bridge of the crane runs on rollers which are attached to each end. The bridges of all the cranes have the entire sweep of the erecting building, running the full length of the shop. The largest crane, which lifts locomotives, is 65 feet in the air, while the smaller cranes are about 15 feet lower. With the hand of a skilled mechanic, Mrs. Cooper operates the levers which whisk 150-ton engines high into the air, swing them over the top of other locomotives and place them on other tracks where they are to be repaired and adjusted.

Altogether there are eight cranes in the shop to be operated and inspected by Mrs. Cooper. They vary in lifting strength from 160 tons to 5 tons.

GERMANY AND ITALY DRAFT AMITY TERMS

Sixteen Articles For Peaceably Settling Disputes

Rome, Dec. 30.—Premier Mussolini and Baron von Neurath, the German Ambassador to Italy, yesterday signed at the Foreign Office a treaty of amity and arbitration whereby Italy and Germany agree to settle peaceably disputes which may arise between the two nations in the next decade.

The treaty, which was drawn up in the course of conversations at Geneva contains sixteen articles, binding the two nations to submit to concilitory procedure any controversies which cannot be solved through ordinary diplomatic channels, Dr. Gustav Stresemann, the Foreign Minister, and Dr. Gaus, represented Germany, and Signor Sciniola and Signor Grandi, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, were spokesmen for Italy, when the treaty was negotiated.

Questions in connection with the rights and obligations, either nation as a member of the League of Nations, or having to do with Locarno pact, were not affected by the new agreement, which, moreover, does not in any way limit the competence of the attributions of the League of Nations.

PERMANENT COMMITTEE

A permanent conciliation committee of five members would be created to study controversial questions brought up by one or both parties. Italy and Germany will each appoint one member and one substitute of this committee, and the two nations will jointly appoint three members and three substitutes, none of whom may be a citizen of either country.

Within six months of the submission of a case, the committee will deliver its opinion, and this must either be accepted or rejected within three months by the parties concerned. If rejected by either party, the case will be submitted to a special arbitral tribunal or the permanent court of international justice at The Hague. Either party has the right to submit a question to The Hague, provided the other party has been given two months' notice. The treaty does not apply to disputes over facts existing precedent to its signature, those covered by either Italo-Germany conventions, or to questions within the competence of either nation through existing mutual treaties or international law.

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Dusting Powder, large size, Puff and Bath Crystals, all in an attractive packages; $2.50 values for $2.10
Shaving Brushes, $1.50 values for $1.19
Shaving Cream and Styptic Pencil, 45c values for ..... 37¢
Dubarry Shaving Bowls, $1.75
Yartley's Shaving Bowls, $1.00
Pebeco Tooth Paste, 50c value for ..... 34¢
Listerine Tooth Paste ..... 19¢
Tooth Brushes, sanitary package, 35c values ..... 23¢
Tooth Brush Holders, each, 23¢

—Drugs, Main Floor, H.B.C.

Year-end Reductions in Women's Coats and Frocks

For quick clearance we are offering these stylish Coats and Frocks at much below their regular prices. The fabrics are new, the styles up-to-the-minute, and workmanship that will assure you of the most satisfactory wear.

Velour and Tweed Coats, Values to $29.50, for $12.95

Smart Velour Coats, made from all wool materials and fully lined; also smart tweeds and plaids, with crushable collars of Arctic hare and moufflon; sizes 16 to 40. Sale Price **$12.95**

Tweed and Velour Coats, Values to $49.50, for $24.95

Stylish Coats in Novelty Tweeds, Plaids and All Wool Velours. Have handsome collars of rich furs, many with cuffs to match. Lined with sateen de luxe Gloria silk; sizes 16 to 42. Sale Price **$24.95**

Afternoon and Evening Frocks, Values to $45.00, for $24.95

A good selection of Dresses, including some smart French models. Fashioned from satin, crepe, georgette, flat and crystal crepe with novelty trimmings of embroidery, beads and self materials; sizes 16 to 38. Sale Price **$24.95**

—Second Floor, H.B.C.

Girls' Pleated Skirts Special, $1.49

Serviceable School Skirts, in navy blue serge, white cotton bodice; sizes 6 to 14 years. Sale Price $1.49

Girls' Flannel Dresses Special, $3.98

Smart Dresses in serviceable quality flannel Peter Pan collar or round neck trimmed with silk braid, long-waisted style with narrow belt; shown in scarlet, sand, navy and terrapin; sizes 8, 10 and 12 years. Sale Price $3.98

All Children's Coats Greatly Reduced

Serviceable little coats with button-up collars, with and without belts; full lined. Shown in camel, brown, green and blue; sizes 1 to 3 years. Values to $4.95. Sale Price $3.69
Dainty styles in velour or English broadcloth, tailored or fur-trimmed styles; shown in rust, sandalwood, beaver, Saxe and lanvin green; sizes 2 to 4 years. Regular prices, $5.95 to $15.95. Sale Prices, $4.69 to .. $11.95

—Second Floor, H.B.C.

A Year-end Bargain in Boys' Suits

Strong Wearing Dark Tweeds and Fox's Blue Serge Suits for sturdy boys. Belted Coats and Full Cut Bloomers, lined throughout; sizes 8 to 16 years. Sale Price, with two pairs of bloomers $7.95

—Main Floor, H.B.C.

Men's Winter Overcoats

Regular $35.00 and $40.00, for $31.95

Tailored from extra heavy all wool tweeds, blue chinchillas and velour finished fabrics. Double-breasted and single-breasted styles with plain backs, tube and half-belted effects. Lined with art silk and sateen; sizes 35 to 44; regular $35.00 and $40.00. Sale Price **$31.95**

$50.00 Overcoats, for $39.95

This season's newest and smartest materials, navy naps, fancy blue weaves, grey and fawn tweeds, also Lovat and English tweed mixtures. Tailored by the best Canadian houses, in plain back, full and half-belted styles with set-in or Raglan sleeves; sizes 34 to 46. A wonderful opportunity to buy a high-grade coat at a reasonable price; regular $50.00. Sale Price **$39.95**

Men's and Young Men's Suits

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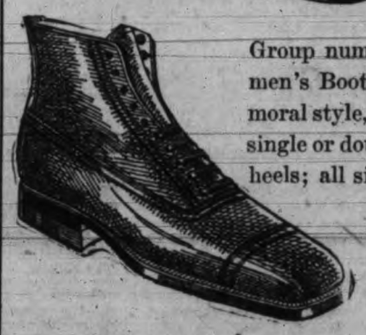
Single and double-breasted styles in plain navy, grey, blue with blue stripe Botany yarns and worsteds, light and dark tweeds and fancy worsteds. A large selection of models to fit tall, short, stout and regular sizes; values to $40.00. Sale Price **$27.50**

—Main Floor, H.B.C.

Year-end Sale of Men's Winter Footwear

Two Prices Only, $4.50 and $5.50

In the first group are black box calf Boots and Oxfords, in Balmoral styles, with heavy welted soles and rubber heels; also Blucher style Boots with black Scotch grain uppers, half, double-welted soles and rubber heels, heavy duck lining; all sizes. Sale Price **$4.50**



Group number two includes business men's Boots in black box calf, in Balmoral style, and black calf Oxfords with single or double-welted soles and rubber heels; all sizes. Per pair **$5.50**

—Main Floor, H.B.C.

Candies for New Year

Ganong's Assorted Chocolates, per lb. ..... 75¢
Assorted Satin Finished Candy, per lb. ..... 40¢
Special Mixture, consisting of Jelly Quinces, Fig Strips and French Creams, per lb. . 35¢
Cowan's Assorted Milk Chocolates, consisting of Maple Buds, Chocolate Almonds and Silver Bells, per lb. ..... 56¢
Crystalized Ginger Jellies, per lb. at ..... 50¢

—Main Floor, H.B.C.

Cigars for the New Year

Simons's Dimples, box of 10, 95¢
Simons's Roosevelts, box of 10, at $1.45
Simons's Banquets, box of 25, at $3.00
Robert Burns Cigars, box of 10, at $1.50
Robert Burns Cigars, box of 25, at $3.50
Vandykes, box of 25, .. $3.00
Goyesca Cigars, box of 10, at $1.00 and $1.25

—Tobacco, Main Floor, H.B.C.

Groceries and Provisions

For the New Year Holiday

Patrons are reminded of the necessity to lay in sufficient supplies to last over until Monday morning. All purchases made to-morrow will be charged to next month's account, payable in February.

Finest Quality New Zealand Creamery Butter, per lb. 50¢
3 lbs. for $1.48
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3 lbs. for $1.35
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3 lbs. for $1.30
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3 lbs. for $1.25
Pure Bulk Lard, per lb. .. 19¢
3 lbs. for ..... 55¢
Swift's Premium Hams, half or whole, per lb. ..... 40¢
Dominion Brand Hams, half or whole, per lb. ..... 35¢
Machine Sliced Ayrshire Roll, per lb. ..... 38¢
Finest Quality Side Breakfast Bacon, per lb. ..... 44¢
Hudson's Bay Company's Seal of Quality Peameal Back Bacon, per lb. ..... 50¢
Swift's Premium Boneless Hams, sliced. Per lb. ..... 53¢
Swift's Premium Side Bacon, per lb. ..... 63¢
Sliced Jellied Ox Tongue, per lb. at ..... 85¢
Hudson's Bay Company's Special Breakfast Tea, per lb. at ..... 55¢
3 lbs. for $1.60
Hudson's Bay Company's Ceylon Broken Orange Pekoe Tea, per lb. ..... 65¢
3 lbs. for $1.90
Hudson's Bay Company's Freshly Roasted Pure Coffee, per lb. at ..... 45¢
Finest Quality B.C. Granulated Sugar, 20-lb. paper sk. $1.55

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Supreme Sandwich, a delicious vanilla wafer with a lemon cream filling; reg. per lb. 45c. Special, per lb. ..... 29¢

Nine Crown Spanish Table Raisins. Special, per pkg. ... 58¢
Seven Crown New Layer Table Figs. Special, per lb. ... 28¢
Jordan Table Almonds. Special, per lb. ..... 92¢
Beach-Eakins Pure Strawberry Jam, 4-lb. tin ..... 68¢

FRUIT AND VEGETABLES

Extra Fancy Okanagan Apples, per box $3.00
New California Navel Oranges, per doz. 35¢, 45¢, 55¢ and at ..... 75¢
Finest Japanese Oranges, per box ..... 85¢
Choice Florida Grapefruit, each at 15¢, 20¢ and .... 25¢
Fancy D'Anjou and Bosc Pears, 3 lbs. for ..... 25¢
Cape Cod Cranberries. Special, per lb. ..... 20¢
Local Brussels Sprouts, 2 lbs. for ..... 25¢

NUTS IN SHELL

Superior Mixed Nuts, containing soft shell walnuts, per lb. at ..... 34¢
3 lbs. for $1.00
New Washed Brazils, per lb. at ..... 25¢
Barcelona Filberts, per lb. 25¢
California Soft Shell Walnuts, per lb. ..... 50¢

Fresh Meats for the New Year

STEER BEEF

Sirloin, Porterhouse and T-bone Roasts, cut short, per lb. 29¢
Thick Prime Rib Roast, cut short, per lb. ..... 25¢
Aitch Bone Roast, per lb. 23¢
Rump Roast, per lb. ..... 20¢
Thick Rib Roast, per lb. 17¢

PORK

Legs, whole or half, per lb. 33¢
Loins, rind on, per lb. . 33¢
Shoulders, cut to suit, per lb. at ..... 25¢

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Legs, whole or half, per lb. 38¢
Loins, whole or half, per lb. 38¢
Shoulders, whole or half, per lb. at ..... 23¢

VEAL

Fillets, 4 to 10 lbs., per lb. 35¢
Loins, cut to suit, per lb. . 30¢
Rumps, 4 to 8 lbs., per lb. 25¢
Shoulders, cut to suit, per lb. at ..... 20¢

1,000 lbs. Turkeys, Geese, Ducks, Chickens and Fowl, all at, per lb. ..... 35¢

Tarragona Almonds, per lb. at ..... 30¢
Imported Chestnuts, per lb. at ..... 30¢
Freshly Roasted Peanuts, per lb. ..... 15¢

—Lower Main Floor, H.B.C.

3,406,274 TONS OF DEEP-SEA SHIPPING HANDLED AT OCEAN WHARVES DURING YEAR 1926

Total of 855 Vessels Berthed Inbound and Outbound at Rithet and Government Docks; Busy Year Experienced With Large Cargoes Featuring the Closing Months; 205 Ships, Representing 447,000 Tons, Docked at Ogden Point

Victoria's ocean docks experienced a busy year. Statistics compiled and issued to-day by the dock authorities show that a grand total of 855 vessels berthed, inbound and outbound, at the wharves in the Outer Harbor during the year 1926. This fleet of merchant ships represented an aggregate of 3,406,274 registered tons.

During the year just closed a total of 650 vessels went alongside Pier One and Pier Two of Rithet Consolidated Limited, representing 2,959,274 registered tons.

Pier One handled 344 ships, totaling 1,222,386 registered tons, while Pier Two handled 306 ships, aggregating 1,736,888 registered tons.

Monthly figures for the year for Pier Two are as follows:

	Ships.	Registered Tons.
January	28	109,071
February	26	150,929
March	23	132,996
April	29	160,476
May	26	158,713
June	27	158,927
July	25	155,532
August	27	155,790
September ...	20	102,192
October	27	159,412
November	21	136,490
December	27	156,360

No figures have yet been compiled showing the amount of cargo discharged during the year at Pier Two, although the freight landed at this wharf, which is much the busiest landing stage of the two, was particularly heavy. Recent shipments put ashore at Pier Two were 2,000 tons from the President Madison, 1,600 tons from the London Maru, and 1,500 tons from the President Jackson.

Freight landed by vessels at Pier One during the twelve-month period amounted to 18,127 tons.

OGDEN POINT DOCKS

At the Ogden Point Docks, Piers A and B, operated by the Canadian National Railways, 205 vessels berthed during the year, representing 194,000 registered tons inbound and 253,000 registered tons outbound.

Cargo handled at the Government docks for the year totaled 10,900 tons inbound and 2,000 tons outbound in addition to the export of 35,000,000 feet of lumber.

SHIP TO SAIL FROM HERE WITH CHINAMAN, ACCUSED OF MURDER BUT OUT OF REACH OF COURTS

Attorney-General's Department Finds Itself Powerless to Arrest Cabin-boy of Danish Freighter Parana, Charged With Killing Steward in High Seas Fight; Only Danish Courts Can Try Oriental, Officials Find

When the Danish freighter Parana sails from this port for Australia to-night she will take with her Lee Kee Chin, a Chinaman who is accused of killing another member of the crew, but whom the law is powerless to arrest.

Despite requests from the Danish Consul-General in Montreal that the Chinaman be arrested here and tried for killing Gotfred Andresen, chief steward of the Parana, the British Columbia authorities cannot interfere with Lee Kee Chin's liberty. He is outside the jurisdiction of any court outside Denmark, as his alleged crime was committed on the high seas.

CANNOT PROSECUTE

J. E. Boggild, Danish Consul-General in Montreal, telegraphed to the Attorney-General's Department to-day asking that the Chinaman be detained here and prosecuted, but the department, on investigation, found it had no authority to carry out this request. Mr. Boggild was advised that only a Danish court could try the man.

The Parana will sail for Australia.

KILLED IN FIGHT?

The story of the high seas tragedy, as disclosed by evidence collected by Capt. F. W. Heisterberg, is that Andresen had set upon the cabin-boy for a minor offence and was beating him. Lee Kee Chin seized a knife lying on a table and inflicted a wound in the steward's right side, it was alleged.

There were no eyewitnesses of the fight, but members of the crew separated the two, and the weakened steward died within two hours.

CHRISTMAS TREE IS HELD AT ST. JOHNS

Sunday School Children Gathered For Supper and Tree Wednesday

The Sunday school of St. John's Church held a Christmas tree entertainment on Wednesday evening in the school room. A large number of children thoroughly enjoyed the event, which was most successfully carried out under the direction of A. Hallam, superintendent of the school.

Supper was served at 6 o'clock to the scholars and staff of the Sunday school, superintended by Miss Rife and Miss Forest.

After supper an interesting programme was rendered. The Rector, Rev. F. A. P. Chadwick, presided and expressed his appreciation in the Sunday school. He also thanked all those who haad contributed to the success of the evenings' entertainment.

During the evening Santa Claus made his welcome appearance, and called the names of the primary classes, each of whom received a gift from his well-laden sack and the sparkling Christmas tree. The diplomas and prizes for the junior and senior departments will be presented at a special session of the Sunday school on Sunday afternoon.

A feature of the programme was the presentation of a beautiful silver jug to Mrs. Carter. Mr. Chadwick and Mr. Hallam both referred to the faithful work which Mrs. Carter had done for the Sunday school.

APPOINTED MEMBER OF DEFENCE BOARD

Lt.-Commander C. T. Beard, Former Esquimalt Naval Head, to Hold New Post

Lieut.-Commander Charles T. Beard, Royal Canadian Navy and former senior naval officer at Esquimalt, has been appointed one of Canada's representatives on the board for the study of imperial problems of defence.

The other Canadian member is Brigadier-General A. G. L. McNaughton, C.M.G., D.S.O., deputy chief of general staff of the Department of National Defence. Both representatives took part in the Great War.

The board will be composed of five representatives from the British War Office, five from the Admiralty, five from the British Air Ministry, with two representatives from each of the Dominions.

Commander Beard was in charge at Esquimalt for five years and at the end of this period he was transferred to England, his place being taken by Commander P. W. Nelles.

Ruth Alexander Here To-night

With twenty-five passengers for Victoria the Pacific Steamship Company's liner Ruth Alexander will arrive from California to-night at 9.30 o'clock. The vessel has fifty tons of cargo for this port.

TRANSPACIFIC MAILS

December, 1926

China and Japan

President Grant—Dec. 12; mails close 4 p.m.; due at Yokohama Dec. 24, Shanghai Dec. 29, Hongkong Jan. 2.

Tyndareus—Dec. 16; mails close 12 noon; due at Yokohama Dec. 31; Hongkong, Jan. 11.

London Maru—Dec. 17; mails close 11 p.m.; due at Yokohama Jan. 3.

President Madison—Dec. 24; mails close 4 p.m.; due at Yokohama Jan. 5.

Empress of Russia—Dec. 25; mails close 5 p.m.; due at Yokohama Jan. 6, Shanghai Jan. 10, Hongkong Jan. 13.

Alabama Maru—Dec. 30; mails close 4 p.m.; due at Yokohama Jan. 15.

Australia and New Zealand

Sierra—Dec. 13; mails close 4 p.m.; due at Sydney Jan. 6.

Aorangi—Dec. 15; mails close 6 p.m.; due at Auckland Jan. 3, Sydney Jan. 8.

Tahiti—Dec. 26; mails close 4 p.m.; due at Wellington Jan. 17.

VICTORIA CUSTOMS HOUSE REVENUE SHOWS INCREASE

$2,957,354.97 Collected During This Year As Compared With $2,717,198.35 for 1925; Increase of $240,156.62; October Leading Month; Import Duties Provide Largest Sum

Revenue derived by the Victoria Customs House during the year 1926 shows an increase of $240,156.62 over last year, according to figures released this morning. During the year $2,957,354.97 was taken in by the Victoria Customs as compared with $2,717,198.35 for 1925.

These figures include import duty, excise taxes, excise duty and sundries.

Import duties provided the largest sum, $2,245,602.41 being taken in. Excise taxes were next in order, with $500,273.91, to be followed by excise duty and sundries.

October was the leading month for earnings, when $321,645.85 was collected in all departments.

The figures released this morning are as follows:

	Import Duty.	Excise Taxes.	Excise Duty.	Sundries.	Total.
January ...	$ 168,679.06	$ 33,353.88	$ 12,141.51	$ 427.83	$ 214,602.28
February ..	146,423.91	33,924.55	8,648.00	1,194.75	190,191.21
March	158,432.30	38,255.35	6,393.77	270.40	203,351.83
April	246,951.60	44,758.27	17,389.10	442.15	309,541.12
May	200,571.05	39,447.94	21,707.89	305.82	262,032.70
June	195,266.70	39,545.70	17,721.44	3,549.80	216,083.64
July	170,468.57	44,914.72	17,506.43	1,389.82	234,279.54
August	185,727.67	54,189.63	17,407.89	672.79	257,997.98
September .	170,480.52	50,149.81	14,846.94	507.85	235,985.12
October ...	248,558.27	45,104.11	21,331.99	6,651.48	321,645.85
November ..	215,597.55	38,972.22	21,603.61	776.61	276,949.99
December ..	178,445.21	37,657.73	17,152.84	1,437.94	234,693.72
Totals ..	$2,245,602.41	$500,273.91	$193,851.41	$17,627.24	$2,957,354.97

REVENUE, 1925

	Import Duty.	Excise Taxes.	Excise Duty.	Sundries.	Total.
January ...	$ 166,932.88	$ 24,736.52	$ 9,863.11	$ 540.56	$ 202,073.07
February ...	136,336.54	25,137.65	9,281.64	280.26	171,036.09
March	138,708.50	23,234.08	6,665.41	1,415.71	170,023.70
April	199,066.88	38,335.40	15,912.76	524.70	253,839.74
May	134,365.10	42,630.70	12,249.90	338.92	189,584.62
June	180,905.47	32,998.26	14,569.80	532.35	229,005.88
July	185,144.49	43,809.93	16,722.01	1,238.27	246,914.70
August	151,719.23	46,424.20	13,915.89	601.64	212,660.96
September .	157,515.75	49,839.17	9,879.67	718.77	217,953.36
October	230,096.36	61,657.74	21,869.46	576.92	314,200.48
November ..	213,452.39	49,529.18	17,844.80	342.94	281,169.31
December ..	175,438.45	38,861.40	14,134.01	302.58	228,736.44
Totals ...	$2,069,682.04	$477,194.23	$162,908.46	$7,413.62	$2,717,198.35

WILL MAKE APPEAL TO SOCIETY FOR AID FOR GOODWIN FUND

H. W. Hart Will Attend Meeting of Royal Society of St. George; Latest List

H. W. Hart of the Canadian Legion, will make an appeal for Philip Goodwin, local ex-service man, who is under sentence of death in California at the regular meeting of the Royal Society of St. George in the Conservative clubrooms next Tuesday. He will put the facts of the case before the members of the society, making an appeal for financial assistance.

The subscription list for the Goodwin Defence Fund is steadily growing. A letter received to-day from the secretary of the Moose Jaw Branch of the Canadian Legion enclosed $25 dollars with the following words: "I might say that our members think this a very deserving case and highly compliment your branch upon their backing of such a movement." The Windermere District Branch of the Legion wired in $100 yesterday. The Native Sons are also responding in fine fashion; cheques have been received as follows: Kamloops $10; Powell River $20; Falkland $15.50; Junior Native Sons of Victoria $3.20.

Additional amounts received are: Hartley, $5; Swinerton & Musgrave, $10; Shaw & Co., $2; A. W. Jones, $5; C. S. Rose, $5; Friend, $1; A Vet, $1; Mrs. H. W. Suttie, $1; M. Henderson, $5; Mr. and Mrs. Connor, $2; A Friend, $2.50; I.O.D.E., $10; Mrs. J. Henderson, $5; Spencer Percival, $3; Lover of Justice, $2; Friend (Shawnigan Lake), $1; J. T D., $5; Mrs. A. McLennan, $5; M. S. Layard, $2; Salmon Arm, $4; No Name, $1; A. C. C. Parfait, $5; W. W. Cross, $5; D. Warnock, $5; K. M. C., $2; A Friend, $2; S. F. H., $2; Friend, $5; Mrs. J. L. Colbert, $4.30; Sir Percy Lake, $10; E. H. Hodginson, $5; Jacob Hanson, $10; D. M. Campbell, $5; E. E. Patterson, $25; "Him," $1; St. Paul's, Esquimalt, $1; Helpers, $2; Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Keith, $5; D. G., $1; Friend, $1; W. W., $3; Jos. Patrick, $5; E. Clark, $5; J. A. Greenidge, $2; Anon, $1; Friend, $1; Consolidated Exports Corporation Limited, $10; Mrs. H. D. Payne, $2; P. E. George, $2; A., $1; J. F., $2; A. B. C., $1; B. V., $1; J. L. Beckwith, $1; R. H. Jameson, $2; L. B. Jones, $1; D. V., $1; Mrs. Loughney, $5; D. J. MacLennan, $5; Beatrice M. Lane, $2; R. and P., $2; V. Babington, $25; (G.) or S. H. B., $2; Friend, $2; Business Woman, $2.25; Friend, $1; Friend, 50c; Friend, $2; A. E. Pugh, 50c; J. and A. Buckler, 50c; Jane Jackson, $2; A. Heathcote, $1; F. J. Jeune, $2; J. W. Wookey, $2; Justice, $1.50; H. T. Gravlin, $10; Friend, $2; A. Cobbett, $2; George Smith, $5; Friend, 50c; Friend, $5; Optimist, $2; C. A. Steele, $5; J. V. Scrivener, $2; Vancouver Island Prospectors' Association, $5; Chas. McKay, $1; F. E. Mason, $1; Mr. Trask, $1; Mr. Halliday, $1; Mr. Stewart, $1; Mrs. Hincks, $1; Capt. Tapley, $1; Mr. Humble, $1; Mrs. Sampson, $1; Thos. Golby, $1; G. B. Kitto, $1; Miss Hincks, $1; A. Christie, $1; K. M. and D., $2; G. M. Piercy, $5; Friend, $2; W. D. Michell, $2; Rev. H. V. Hitchcox, $10; Friend, $10; Mr. and Mrs. McElfrish, $5; Mrs. Lister, $5; Mrs. M. Cameron, $5; Mrs. Chandler, $1; Miss Foster, $5; Mrs. Allen, $2; Mrs. F. A. Cameron, $1; Mrs. Turnbull, 50c; George and Frances Cameron, 50c; St. Agatha's School, per Mrs. Large, $2.50; Mrs. Fisher, $5; Donald and Peggy, 50c; Mr. Falconer, $2; Friend, $5; Wm. S. J. Duffield, $4; D. M. Prentice, $5; E. Wyles, $1; Mrs. H. Clarke, 50c; A. Housan, $1; Freedom, $2; Mrs. E. Marsh, $2; J. E. Gilroy, $2; A. E. T., 50c; Mary A. Dawson, 50c; M. A. Pardoe, $5; N. F. C. Pope, $2; R. D. MacLachlan, $5; Wm. Ivel, $5; J. A. Raine, $5; Mrs. F. G. Gadsden, $25; Capt. Burges Gadsden, $10; Dean Quainton, $5; J. V. Carroll, $1; A. Illingworth, $2; Frank H. Partridge, $2; Percy Waterhouse, $20; Kumtuks Club, $10; F. Burridge, $5; Miss H. Murridge, $5; Employees, Red Cross Workshop, $6.25; Coalmont Branch, Canadian Legion, $4; Dr. F. H. Stirling, $5; Mary Campbell, $1; No Name, $5; "Do Thou Likewise," $1; California, $5; D. B. Nickerson, $1; Friend at Meeting, $2; Edith Howell, $1; Mary Powers, $1; Native Sons of Canada, Powell River, $20; Native Sons of Canada, Kamloops, $10; Canadian Legion, Windermere District, $100; Mother (per Capt. Burges Gadsden), $2; Mrs. G. B. Dixon, $1; C. E. Yarwood, $5; J. P. Dixon, $10; Friend, $2; Andrew S. Ladner, $10; M. I. N., Mt. Tolmie, $2; Mrs. R. M. Caldwell, $2; E. C. M., 50c 18th, $1; W. H. Malkin & Co. Limited, $10; Miss G. Scale, $1; Tuolunesce, California, $1; J. Murphy, $1; F. J. Byng, $3; Anon, $1; Anon, $1; Friend, $3; F. R. Lowell, $3.50; British Justice, $2.50; W. H. Malkin & Co. Limited (second contribution), $15; Geo. Leonnard, $1; Tom Wilson, $1; Miss D. Kitto, $1; Capt. P Shadworth, $5; F. Sparks, $1; Mrs. J. A. Grant, $1; A. Bendrodt, $2; W. York, $1; C. Butcher, $2; Pro Patria Branch (tombola collection), $5.42; Alderman, $5; J. E. Fuller, $5; Frank Shilson, $25; Anon, $2; A. W Bussell, $2; Anon, $1; Anon, $1; L. P. Macrae, $2; Mrs. Janet Mair, $2; Mrs. E. Parnell, $2; Frank Richardson, $1; Friends, $1; Mrs. Goodwyn, $10; H. and P., $1. Total, $596.22.

"NO TALCUM," SAYS CHIEF OF POLICE

Talcum powder has its proper uses, according to Chief of Police Fry, and being thrown about on the streets, is not one of them. Consequently Chief Fry has issued an order that to throw talcum powder at or upon anyone to-morrow evening during the course of New Year's Eve revels shall be unlawful and punishable.

"It ruins clothing," commented the Chief.

Another order from headquarters says there shall be no fireworks, firecrackers or other explosives in the streets. It must be an orderly evening, with nothing boisterous or unbecoming about the behavior of the crowds.

SEATTLE SHIPPING

Seattle, Dec. 30.—The Seattle office of the French Line showed a 40 per cent. increase in transatlantic business last year and headed all other territories of the concern in this respect, A. W. Hoffman, agent here, reported yesterday upon returning from a conference of the company's representatives in New York.

On her maiden voyage, the refrigerator-steamship African Star of the Blue Star Line, is due here January 5 from the United Kingdom.

SAN FRANCISCO SHIPPING

San Francisco, Dec. 30 — The Matson Liner Manoa left yesterday with a large passenger list for Honolulu on regular schedule. On board were twenty-five employees who will join the operating personnel of the new Royal Hawaiian Hotel, which will open February 1 at Waikiki.

Bringing in a heavy cargo and a good-sized passenger list the Dollar liner President Taft arrived here yesterday from the Orient, via Honolulu. In addition to 482 bags of mail, the Taft brought in $2,000,000 in bullion.

The steamer City of Lordsburg, 2,197 tons net, arrived here to-day from Texas City with 4,700 tons of sulphur. This is believed to be one of the largest single cargoes of the kind ever brought into this port. The cargo is consigned to Williams, Dimond & Co.

COLORED FURS

Colored furs are very smart this season and one finds pink, white and mauve ermine coats, where once all was snowy white.

Soup is stated by some doctors to be the best appetizer before a meal, with tea and coffee as a second and third choice.

PACHENA STATION GIVES OUT MANY BEARINGS IN YEAR

During Past Twelve Months 2,670 Bearings Have Been Dispatched to Vessels

Station Operating Since October, 1923, Has Built up Most Enviable Record

Two thousand six hundred and seventy bearings have been given out to ships of all nationalities by the Pachena direction finding station during the past twelve months, according to figures released this morning by the Dominion Telegraph and Telephone Service. These figures when compared with last year are slightly lower as in 1925 the station gave out 3,150 bearings.

The decrease is due, officials stated to-day, to the fact that there has been a very mild Winter on the Pacific Coast, and vessels have not required as many bearings. In October, 1925, there were 749 bearings dispatched, while last October these were only 239 given out, which alone is a decrease of over 500 bearings. There has not been so much fog this Winter, and it is during this weather that the station gives out the greatest number of bearings.

EVERY NATIONALITY

The Pachena station is used by vessels of every nationality, but the Japanese steamers take the most advantage of the station. For instance, the steamer Yokohama Maru, inbound from the Orient this week, asked for three bearings in one night. This service is given to the vessels absoltuely free of charge, and ships can ask for as many bearings as they desire.

ENVIABLE RECORD

The station has been in operation since October 29, 1923, just over three years, and since that time up until the present date it has never been out of operation. It is in constant use twenty-fours hours a day, and has built up an enviable record for giving out correct bearings.

Edward Wallace Keik is in charge of the station, and has three assistants under him.

The figures giving the number of bearings dispatched each month, released this morning, are as follows, and date from December 1, 1925, until November 30, 1926:

1926—December (1925) 432, January 257, February 184, March 171, April 213, May 150, June 151, July 113, August 431, September 118, October 239, November 211; total 2,670.

1925—December (1924) 314, January 268, February 245, March 102, April 101, May 174, June 77, July 255, August 229, September 282, October 749, November 353; total 3,150.

British Freighter In no Danger and Refuses to be Aided

New York, Dec. 30.—The British freighter Clearton, which sent out an SOS last night when its rudder was gone and its engine disabled, to-day was in no immediate danger and drifting between 200 and 300 miles off the Virginia coast, the Indepent Wireless Company reported.

The wireless company said the steamers Berlin and the Martha Washington had answered the Clearton's call, but that the captain of the Clearton had refused their offers of aid due to the heavy expense involved in a tow. The freighter sailed from Baltimore December 26 for Queenstown, Ireland.

MEXICAN OIL LANDS ARE IN BALANCE

Properties May Revert From United States Operators to Government

President Calles Refuses Extension on Confirmatory Concessions

Mexico City, Dec. 30.—Unless there is a last-minute yielding either by the New York headquarters of the foremost American oil companies operating in Mexico or by the Mexican Government—neither of which was indicated to-day—an impasse will be reached Saturday over Mexico's new petroleum and land laws.

Under the laws, which the United States Government has protested as retroactive and confiscatory, foreign owned or leased oil lands will revert to the Mexican Government unless before Saturday the owners have applied to Mexico for new concessions confirming their previous rights.

REFUSES EXTENSION

President Calles, in a telegram given out late last night, refused an application by the New York headquarters of the foreign companies for an extension of the time in which they may apply for confirmatory concessions of their rights.

Thus, if the oilmen fail to apply either to-day or to-morrow, the properties involved will theoretically revert to the Mexican Government. But there still lingers here the question whether the Government will in actual fact go as far as confiscation.

If, after the first of the year it seizes specific pieces of property, it will afford definite cases for such action as the United States Government may decide to take.

CONFESSES KILLING BOY WITH HAMMER

Chicago, Dec. 30.—Harold J. Croarkin, confessed killer of little Walter Schmith, six years old, stood mute when arraiged to-day on the charge of murder, and Chief Justice William J. Lindsay ordered a plea of not guilty entered on his behalf. He set the case for trial on February 1. Croarkin killed the boy with a hammer after luring him to a stable loft. He has confessed.

Auto Ferry Routes

Mill Bay Ferry

Mill Bay Ferry bridging Island Highway at Malahat — Leaves Verdier Avenue, Brentwood, 7.30 a.m., 9.15 a.m., 11 a.m., 1.30 p.m., 3.15 p.m. and 5 p.m. Leaves Camp Point, Mill Bay, 8.30 a.m., 10.15 a.m., 12 noon, 2.30 p.m., 4.15 p.m. and 6 p.m.

Victoria Deep Sea Ship Movements

TO ARRIVE IN VICTORIA

*Carries Passengers

CANADIAN RANGER, Montreal, C.G.M.M., Pier A, Ogden Point, December 30.
RUTH ALEXANDER*, Pacific Steamship Company, Pier 1, Rithet Docks, December 30.
ARIZONA MARU*, Japan and China, O.S.K., Pier 2, Rithet Docks, January 4.
EMMA ALEXANDER*, California, Pacific Steamship Company, Pier 1, Rithet Docks, January 6.
PRESIDENT McKINLEY*, Japan, China and Philippines, American Mail Line, Pier 2, Rithet Docks, January 6.
NIAGARA*, Australia, C.P.R., Pier 2, Rithet Docks, January 7.
CANADIAN WINNER, London and Antwerp, C.G.M.M., Pier A, Ogden Point, January 7.
SOUTHWESTERN MILLER*, United Kingdom, Furness-Pacific, Pier 2, Rithet Docks, January 8.
ARABIA MARU*, Japan and China, O.S.K., Pier 1, Rithet Docks, January 10.
TALTHYBIUS*, Japan and China, Blue Funnel, Pier 2, Rithet Docks, January 11.
TOYOMA MARU*, Japan and China, N.Y.K., Pier 1, Rithet Docks, January 13.
RUTH ALEXANDER*, California, Pacific Steamship Company, Pier 1, Rithet Docks, January 13.
PRESIDENT JEFFERSON*, Japan, China and Philippines, American Mail Line, Pier 2, Rithet Docks, January 18.
EMMA ALEXANDER*, California, Pacific Steamship Company, Pier 1, Rithet Docks, January 20.
EMPRESS OF ASIA*, Japan, China and Philippines, C.P.R., Pier 2, Rithet Docks, January 24.
PHILOCTETES*, Japan and China, Blue Funnel, Pier 2, Rithet Docks, January 24.
KAGA MARU*, Japan and China, N.Y.K., Pier 1, Rithet Docks, January 25.
RUTH ALEXANDER*, California, Pacific Steamship Company, Pier 1, Rithet Docks, January 27.

TO SAIL FROM VICTORIA

*Carries Passengers

ALABAMA MARU*, Japan and China, O.S.K., Pier 1, Rithet's Docks, December 30.
SHIDZUOKA MARU*, Japan and China, N.Y.K., Pier 1, Rithet's Docks, December 30.
RUTH ALEXANDER*, California, Pacific Steamship Company, Pier 1, Rithet Docks, January 2.
EMMA ALEXANDER*, California, Pacific Steamship Company, Pier 1, Rithet Docks, January 9.
YOKOHAMA MARU*, Japan and China, N.Y.K., Pier 1, Rithet Docks, January 12.
NIAGARA*, Australia, C.P.R., Pier 2, Rithet Docks, January 2.
RUTH ALEXANDER*, California, Pacific Steamship Company, Pier 1, Rithet Docks, January 16.
PRESIDENT McKINLEY*, Japan, China and Philippines, American Mail Line, Pier 2, Rithet Docks, January 17.
ARIZONA MARU*, Japan and China, O.S.K., Pier 1, Rithet Docks, January 21.
EMMA ALEXANDER*, California, Pacific Steamship Company, Pier 1, Rithet Docks, January 23.
ARABIA MARU*, Japan and China, O.S.K., Pier 1, Rithet Docks, January 26.
TALTHYBIUS*, Japan and China, Blue Funnel, Pier 2, Rithet Docks, January 27.
PRESIDENT JEFFERSON*, Japan, China and Philippines, American Mail Line, Pier 2, Rithet Docks, January 29.
RUTH ALEXANDER*, California, Pacific Steamship Company, Pier 1, Rithet Docks, January 30.
EMPRESS OF ASIA*, Japan, China and Philippines, C.P.R., Pier 2, Rithet Docks, February 5.

COASTWISE MOVEMENTS

For Vancouver

C.P.R. steamer leaves daily at 2.15 p.m.

C.P.R. steamer leaves daily at 11.45 p.m.

From Vancouver

C.P.R. steamer arrives daily at 7 a.m.
C.P.R. steamer arrives daily at 3 p.m.

For Seattle

Sol Duc leaves daily at 10.15 a.m., except Sunday.

C.P.R. steamer leaves daily at 4.30 p.m.

From Seattle

C.P.R. steamer arrives daily at 1.15 p.m.

Sol Duc arrives daily at 9.30 a.m., except Sunday.

West Coast Route

B.C. Coast Service: From Victoria first, eleventh and twenty-first of each month at 11 p.m.

Portland Canal Route

Canadian National: On Mandays from Vancouver at 8 p.m. for Stewart and Anyox.

Union Steamships: Every Friday from Vancouver at 9 p.m. for Prince Rupert, Anyox, Stewart, etc.

Prince Rupert Route

Union Steamships: Every Tuesday at 9 p.m. and every Friday at 9 p.m. from Vancouver for Alert Bay, Port Hardy, Prince Rupert etc.

Canadian National: Mondays from Vancouver at 8 p.m.

Queen Charlotte Islands Route

Canadian National: Fortnightly service from Vancouver.

SUNRISE AND SUNSET

Time of sunrise and sunset, Pacific standard time, at Victoria, B.C., for the month of December, 1926.

Day	Sunrise Hour	Sunrise Min.	Sunset Hour	Sunset Min.
1	7	44	4	21
2	7	46	4	21
3	7	47	4	20
4	7	48	4	20
5	7	49	4	20
6	7	50	4	20
7	7	51	4	19
8	7	52	4	19
9	7	53	4	19
10	7	54	4	18
11	7	55	4	18
12	7	56	4	18
13	7	57	4	18
14	7	58	4	18
15	7	59	4	18
16	7	59	4	18
17	8	00	4	19
18	8	01	4	19
19	8	01	4	19
20	8	02	4	20
21	8	03	4	20
22	8	03	4	21
23	8	03	4	21
24	8	04	4	22
25	8	04	4	22
26	8	05	4	23
27	8	05	4	24
28	8	05	4	25
29	8	05	4	26
30	8	05	4	27
31	8	05	4	28

C.G.M.M. MOVEMENTS

Canadian Freighter left Chemainus for United Kingdom December 14.

Canadian Highlander, left Swansea December 19.

Canadian Pioneer, left Chemainus for Sydney, N.S.W., December 10.

Canadian Prospector, left Port Alberni for Halifax December 3.

Canadian Seigneur, left Antwerp for San Pedro, San Francisco, Portland, Victoria and Vancouver December 3.

Canadian Skirmisher, left Kingston for United Kingdom December 16.

Canadian Transporter, arrived Vancouver December 27.

Canadian Winner, arrived San Francisco December 23.

Canadian Coaster, left Ocean Falls for San Pedro December 23.

Canadian Farmer, arrived San Francisco December 26.

Canadian Observer, left Nanaimo for Oecan Falls December 26.

Canadian Importer, left Norfolk December 19.

Canadian Ranger left Canal for Victoria December 13.

TIDE TABLE

December

Day	Time h. m.	Ht ft.	Time h. m.	Ht ft.	Time h. m.	Ht ft.	Time h. m.	Ht ft.
1 ...	2.12	6.3	5.29	6.2	12.08	9.8	19.49	3.9
2 ...	4.08	6.7	6.19	6.7	12.26	8.9	20.07	3.1
3 ...	5.21	7.2	7.05	7.1	12.40	9.1	20.34	2.3
4 ...	.. ..	..	.. ..	..	12.49	9.3	21.06	1.7
5 ...	.. ..	..	.. ..	..	12.59	9.5	21.42	1.2
6 ...	.. ..	..	.. ..	..	13.19	9.7	22.21	0.9
7 ...	.. ..	..	.. ..	..	13.48	9.7	23.02	0.9
8 ...	.. ..	..	.. ..	..	14.24	9.6	23.47	1.2
9 ...	9.49	8.7	12.02	8.5	15.07	9.0	.. ..	..
10 ...	0.33	1.6	9.57	8.7	13.36	5.2	15.57	8.4
11 ...	1.20	2.4	9.51	8.7	15.08	7.4	16.58	7.8
12 ...	2.08	3.2	10.06	8.8	16.28	6.5	19.28	6.6
13 ...	2.57	4.2	10.26	8.9	17.33	5.4	22.31	6.2
14 ...	3.47	5.3	10.50	9.1	18.19	4.3	.. ..	..
15 ...	0.28	6.5	4.38	6.3	11.16	9.4	19.01	3.2
16 ...	2.51	7.2	5.33	7.1	11.42	9.7	19.41	2.3
17 ...	4.53	7.9	6.30	7.8	12.08	9.9	20.20	1.6
18 ...	5.53	8.4	7.29	8.3	12.34	10.0	20.58	1.2
19 ...	6.41	8.7	8.26	8.6	12.57	9.9	21.35	1.0
20 ...	7.24	8.9	9.22	8.8	13.14	9.9	22.12	1.1
21 ...	8.03	9.0	10.17	8.8	13.44	9.8	22.50	1.4
22 ...	8.40	9.0	11.14	8.8	13.49	9.0	23.29	2.0
23 ...	9.12	8.9	12.46	8.4	14.03	8.5	.. ..	..
24 ...	0.08	2.6	9.36	9.0	.. ..	..	.. ..	..
25 ...	0.46	3.3	9.39	8.9	.. ..	..	.. ..	..
26 ...	1.22	4.0	9.45	8.9	.. ..	..	.. ..	..
27 ...	1.55	4.8	10.07	9.0	19.11	6.4	22.14	5.7
28 ...	1.41	5.5	10.29	8.9	18.46	6.0	.. ..	..
29 ...	.. ..	..	.. ..	..	10.53	9.0	18.52	4.3
30 ...	.. ..	..	.. ..	..	11.14	9.2	19.14	3.4
31 ...	.. ..	..	.. ..	..	11.34	9.3	19.36	2.6

The time used is Pacific standard, for the 120th Meridian west. It is counted from 0 to 24 hours, from midnight to midnight. The figures for height serve to distinguish high water from low water. Where blanks occur in the table, the tide rises or falls continuously during two successive tidal periods without turning.

SPOKEN BY WIRELESS

December 29, 8 p.m.—Shipping:

CANADIAN FARMER, San Francisco for Victoria, 245 miles from Victoria.

AFRIC STAR, Los Angeles for Vancouver, 500 miles from Vancouver.

ERIK FRISELL, Yokohama for Victoria, 450 miles from Victoria.

CANADIAN RANGER, Montreal for Victoria, 453 miles from Victoria.

CITY OF VICTORIA, San Pedro for Vancouver, 100 miles north of San Pedro.

AORANGI, left Suva 4 p.m., southbound.

PRINCESS ENA, loading at Ecoole 8 a.m.

GOLDEN GATE, Moji for Vancouver, 670 miles from Cape Flattery.

NOOTKA, Sydney N.S. for San Pedro, 844 miles southeast of San Pedro.

GRIFFCO, left Steward for Anyox.

PRINCE CHARLES, stormbound Massett Inlet, midnight.

NIAGARA, Australia for Victoria, 629 miles south of Honolulu.

ARIZONA MARU, Yokohama for Victoria, 1,724 miles from Victoria.

WELSH CITY, Muroran for Prince Rupert, 1,250 miles from Estevan.

EMPRESS OF RUSSIA, Victoria for Yokohama, 1,462 miles from Victoria.

December 30, 8 a.m.—Weather:

Estevan—Rain; southeast; gale; 29.78; 50; sea rough.

Pachena—Rain; southeast gale; 29.87; 50; sea rough.

Prince Rupert—Rain; southeast; gale; 29.04; sea rough.

December 30, noon—Weather:

Estevan—Rain; southeast; gale; 29.81; 50; sea rough.

Pachena—Rain; southeast; gale; 29.92; 51; sea rough.

Prince Rupert—Cloudy; southeast; strong; 29.14; 50; sea rough.

Ms. Loch Monar Here From United Kingdom

Coming from United Kingdom ports the motorship Loch Monar, Capt. Purvis, of Royal Mail Steam Packet Company, arrived at Pier 2 this morning at four o'clock.

The vessel brought 170 tons of cargo for discharge here, including a shipment of 1,301 cases of liquor, composed of gin, cocktails, rum and wines.

Unloading of the vessel commenced at 7 o'clock and the ship cleared for Vancouver early this afternoon.

WINTER SCHEDULE TO GULF ISLAND POINTS

The steamer Otter leaves Belleville Street wharf every Monday and Wednesday at 7.15 a.m., and every Thursday at 8 a.m., for the Gulf Islands.

Also the Princess Royal leaves Victoria every Tuesday at 11 a.m. for Vancouver, calling at Port Washington, Ganges Harbor and Mayne island and en route. For further information phone 121 or 1270. ***

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CIVIL SERVANTS WED WEDNESDAY EVENING

Miss Edith Mustard Became Bride of Henry Rive, Dairy Commissioner

On Wednesday evening at the First United Church, Victoria, the Rev. Dr. W. G. Wilson solemnized a marriage of much interest in civil service circles, when Edith Menotah Mustard, private secretary to the Hon. the Minister of Lands, became the bride of Henry Rive, dairy commissioner for the Province of British Columbia.

The bride is the younger daughter of Mrs. E. J. Mustard of this city, and of the late John Mustard. The groom is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. E. Rive of Vancouver, B.C.

Only the near relatives of the contracting parties were present. As Dr. H. W. Mustard of Vancouver, B. C., was, through illness, unable to be present at his sister's marriage, the bride was given away by her brother-in-law, Dr. Robert Wightman of Seattle.

The bride, who was unattended, wore a charming frock of tea rose georgette, with touches of silver. For going away she wore a gown of pansy satin crepe trimmed with gold, a small silver and black hat and a Hudson seal coat with sable collar and cuffs.

Among the many beautiful gifts received was a handsome silver tea service and mahogany tray, presented to the bride by the Department of Lands; from the Kumtuks Club a glass sherbet set. The groom was given a mahogany clock by the dairy branch, and a beautiful upholstered chair by the Department of Agriculture.

Mr. and Mrs. Rive left on the midnight boat for Vancouver, and from there will leave by motor for a trip in Washington.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

The regular monthly meeting of Ward One Liberals will be held on Monday evening, January 3, at 8 o'clock, in the Liberal Headquarters, Government and Broughton Streets.

Stocker's Reliable Order of Nightbirds will not give their fortnightly radio frolic to-night owing to the holiday. Their next broadcast will be given a week from to-day.

Everything is in readiness for the New Year's dance at the Yacht Club. Invitations have been sent out, and a large number is expected to attend the most successful dance ever held at the club.

H. R. Scrase, on remand and charged with driving furiously, was again remanded this morning in the City Police Court. Magistrate Jay will hand down judgment in the case on January 3.

A. D. McLean was fined $5 in the City Police Court this morning for failing to observe parking regulations and H. E. Hummings and F. D. Hickman were each fined the same amounts for failing to keep tail lights burning. Tong Yen, Chinaman, was fined $5 for parking in front of a theatre.

When schools reopen on January 3, Miss Marjorie Watson will take over duties as assistant teacher at Gordon Head School. The Saanich School Board yesterday afternoon transferred Miss Watson from Tolmie School, where she will be replaced by Miss Dora Young, added to the staff on probation.

On Tuesday next, at the regular meeting of the Royal Society of St. George which will be held in the Conservative clubrooms, Campbell Building, an appeal will be made in the interests of Philip Goodwin by H. W. Hart, of the Canadian Legion. Following this appeal, the president of the society, Dean C. S. Quainton, will give a New Year's address on "The International Outlook." The meeting will commence at 8 p.m.

Robert Ross, and his wife, Mrs. Ross, charged with petty thieving in five of Victoria's downtown stores, and who pleaded guilty in the City Police Court yesterday, were allowed out on suspended sentence to-day. They both told the court yesterday that their desire to give their three children a happy Christmas had led them to "life" various and numerous articles from several stores. None of the things taken were of great value.

New Year's Eve, members of the Victoria City Temple will hold a congregational rally and entertainment in the Chamber of Commerce auditorium. The programme will commence at 8 p.m. An amusing sketch will be put on under the auspices of the Business Ladies' Club, who will also have charge of refreshments. A ping pong tournament between Dr. Clem Davies, Messrs. Fairbairn, Fuller and Holt will be one of the features of the evening. At 10.45 a watchnight service will be held, at which Dr. Davies will give an address on the subject of "Open Doors." There will be special congregational singing.

ENTERTAINMENT AT KNOX SUNDAY SCHOOL

Large Gathering of Parents, Teachers and Children Attend Gathering

The annual treat of the Knox Presbyterian Church Sunday School was held in the church on Tuesday evening, when a large gathering of parents, teachers and pupils were present. The church was very prettily decorated for the occasion, and two large trees well laden stood at each side of the platform. The following programme was presented in a very creditable manner:

Part I

"Hark the Herald Angels Sing," school; "Away in a Manger," primary; "A Christmas Treat," H. Todd; "What is Christmas," three McLeod boys; "Christmas in the Heart," D. Harkness; "The Kitten's Christmas," Glennys Hale; "Can a Little Child Like Me," primary; "Little Children Everywhere," Ida Coutts; "Sing a Song of Santa Claus," three McLean boys; "Child of Nazareth," Artie McCoy; "Little Wishes," Mary F. Stratton.

Part II

"A Christmas Wish," George Todd; "Santa Claus is Coming," Aileen Coutts; "When Mothers of Salem," primary; solo and chorus, Miss P. McPhair; "Little Orphan Annie," Miss N. Craig; "Knitting," Edna Watson; "Three Stockings in a Row," E. Harkness, R. Todd and C. Coutts; "Santa and His Reindeers," Donald Herd; "Christmas Carol," choir; "What Makes Christmas," junior class; "Christmas Stockings," J. Sturrock and M. Coutts; "A Little Boy's Troubles," F. Watson; "The Christmas Fairy," J. Sturrock, M. Coutts, J. Coutts, D. Herd and Balfour.

A very pleasant evening was closed by the singing of "Silent Night."

The Mission band promises to be a very successful one for the coming year. It meets every second Friday of the month in the class-room behind the church. The rally is expected to take place some time early in 1927.

GANGES

Mrs. E. C. Campbell of Seattle is spending the week at her cottage on Ganges Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Crofton entertained at the tea hour at Harbor House on Christmas afternoon to the many friends and relatives.

Miss Winnie Douglas of Victoria is spending the holidays with her mother, Mrs. R. Maxwell.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Eaton gave a dance at the "White House" Saturday night to about fifty friends.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Hoy and sons in their launch Kathleen spent Christmas and the first of the week with friends at Ganges.

Mrs. Roy Campbell and children spent the week in Vancouver with Mrs. M. Godfrey.

Preparations are being made for a large attendance to the New Year's Eve dance at the Mahon Hall, given under the auspices of the I.O.D.E. There will be an orchestra from Victoria.

MILD WEATHER SAVES MONEY IN SCHOOL BILL

Absence of Plumbing and Heating Troubles Show Marked Effect

City School Board Completes Labors For the Year in Final Session

Victoria weather is recorded on other instruments besides the barometer, as shown in a report by the finance committee to the City School Board last night, in final session for the year.

Due to the mild Winter and absence of plumbing and heating troubles the School Board's books will show a handsome sum over expectations this year. The favorable balance saved by virtue of the mild weather will go a long way to the payment of accounts not usually settled in December.

Estimated expenditures for the year were placed at $495,017, but actual expenditures are shown to have been below this figure by about $7,000. The absence of major plumbing bills and lighter fuel costs at the schools were responsible for much of the difference.

The report of George H. Deane, municipal inspector of schools, on the reallocation of the teaching staff for the new term was received. In committe ethe board discussed formal matters of routine business before rising. On the 1927 board Trustee-elect W. T. Straith will take the place vacated by Trustee H. O. Litchfield, now elected to the City Council.

DELIGHTED CHILDREN GUESTS OF ROTARY

Annual Christmas Tree Party Attended by 550 Youngsters

The annual Rotary Christmas Tree Party is taking place this afternoon, and as The Times goes to press, 500 delighted boys and girls crowd the Chamber of Commerce Auditorium to capacity, awaiting the arrival of Santa Claus.

The celebration is this year on a more ambitious scale than any previous effort by the Rotarians. The guests range between five and twelve years of age, and were selected by the Friendly Help Society, the Social Service League and by recommendation from members of the Rotary Club.

BRIGHT MUSIC

The guests commenced to arrive at 2.30 o'clock, and as they entered the auditorium they were assigned seats at the tables, where an inviting array of dainties, cakes and confections were awaiting the lads and lasses. Their arrival was made the more joyous by the merry playing of the Rotary orchestra, which attended in full force and presented a constant succession of airs.

Community singing also featured the early moments of the celebration, Rotarian R. R. Webb and the musicians setting a rollicking tune to popular songs which proved irresistible to the excited youngsters.

After the Rotarians and their male assistants had seen to the complete satisfaction of every appetite, Merryfield, the magician, appeared and mystified the guests. An array of lantern slides also provided great amusement during the interval preceding the arrival of Santa Claus.

The climax of the afternoon was the entry of Santa Claus, who first greeted the Rotary Club's guests and then distributed toys, candy and fruit to every child as they filed past him on their way out of the hall.

The arrangements were in the hands of a committee headed by Walter Tuck and including: Joseph Patrick, Herbert Pendray, Bob Lamb, Herbert Anscomb, Bill Nachtrieb, Harry McLaughlin, Johnny Johnson and Jack Land.

FISHERMAN ADRIFT SIX DAYS RESCUED

Had Terrible Experience on Atlantic in Open Dory

Lunenburg, N.S., Dec. 30.—Edward Butler, a member of the crew of the Gloucester Fisherman Ingomar, who was adrift for six days from his vessel, and believed to have been lost, reached here early this morning, having been picked up off Sable Island by the schooner Marion Mason, Captain Jolghsen. The schooner rushed the man to Lunenburg, where he was immediately taken to the Marine Hospital with his legs and arms badly swollen and otherwise suffering from exposure and his terrible experience of six days in an open dory on the Atlantic.

Last Tuesday, the Ingomar arrived in its home port with flags half-masted and reported the loss of Butler who disappeared last Friday in the storm that swept the Atlantic, while he was out in his dory hauling trawls some distance from the schooner.

Mexican Bandits Holding Mining Men For Ransom

Mexico City, Dec. 30—The United States Embassy was informed today that two United States mining men, J. W. Wiley and E. B. Connors were kidnapped Tuesday by bandits at the mining town of San Francisco Del Oro, near Parral. The bandits, calling themselves revolutionists, carried the men into the mountains, where theey are being held captive, for ten thousand pesos ransom.

The regular prayer meeting of the Erskine Presbyterian Church, Harriet Road, has been cancelled on account of the Sunday School Christmas tree at Tillicum Road

ODLUM WILL OPEN DEBATE ON SPEECH AS SESSION STARTS

Definite arrangements for the opening of the Legislature's first debate, the discussion of the Speech from the Throne, were made to-day when it was announced that Brig.-General Victor Odlum, Liberal member for Vancouver, would be the first speaker. General Odlum will formally move the address in reply to the Speech, thus getting the long debate under way. The seconder to the motion has not been selected yet.

C.P.R. Social Club Entertains Kiddies

The most successful Christmas tree entertainment ever given by the C.P.R. Social Club was held on Wednesday evening at the Temple Hall.

Nearly 300 children and parents had a wonderful time with Nat Spark, who acted perfectly as understudy for Santa Claus, and who was assisted by Messrs. Buller and McNair, all of whom worked hard to give the kiddies a good time, the last named took the part of clowns.

The entertainment was presided over by the president of the club, John Alexander, while W. H. White was chairman of the general committee, the members of which worked hard to make the gathering a success.

Earthquake and Fire Wreck Three Towns in Ecuador

Guayaquil, Ecuador, Dec. 30.—The town of Naranjito on the railway to Quito, has been almost completely destroyed by fire. It is estimated the damage will reach 2,000,000 sucres (nominally $1,440,000).

Aid has been sent to the inhabitants, almost all of whom are homeless.

Guayaquil, Ecuador, Dec. 30.—Reports from the Colombian frontier say the towns of Gaachucal and Aldana have been destroyed by an earthquake. The shock is believed to have been connected with the eruption of the volcano Cumbal. A dispatch from Tulcan, Ecuador, says the trees in the Yagorral Valley were levelled by the earthquake.

OBITUARY

The funeral of the late Mrs. Daisy Keeley, who passed away at the Royal Jubilee Hospital last Saturday, took place Wednesday at 2 o'clock from the Sands Funeral Chapel. Relatives and many friends were in attendance. The many beautiful flowers testified to the high esteem and respect in which she was held. Rev. J. S. Patterson officiated, and the hymns sung were "Forever With the Lord" and "The Sands of Time Are Sinking." The pallbearers were A. J. Waggs, William Jenkins, W. Mills, R. L. Elves, F. Keeley and F. C. Slater, and the remains were laid to rest in the Royal Oak Burial Park.

There passed away at an early hour Wednesday morning, at the Royal Jubilee Hospital, James Gray. The late Mr. Gray was born in Scotland sixty-four years ago and for many years was a resident of this Province. Funeral service was held from the S. J. Curry & Son Funeral Home, corner Quadra and Broughton Streets, to-day at 2 o'clock. Interment will be made in the Royal Oak Burial Park.

The funeral of the late Henry Nicholson took place Wednesday afternoon at 1.45 from the residence, 1358 Victoria Avenue, proceeding to St. Mary's Church, when funeral service was conducted at 2 o'clock by Rev. H. T. Archbold. The hymn sung was "Now the Laborer's Task Is O'er," and while the casket was being carried from the church the congregation sang the Nunc Dimittis. Many friends were present, including Major W. W. Rowson, representing the Yacht Club. The casket and hearse were covered with beautiful flowers. The following acted as pallbearers: R. H. Bird, J. F. Dick, J. A. Beecham, Major W. W. Rowson, J. G. Phillips and H. P. Paterson. Interment was made in St. Stephen's Cemetery, South Saanich.

The funeral of the late Thomas William Wood Stubbs took place from the residence, 628 Cornwall Street, Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock, Dean Quainton officiating. Many friends were present, and the casket and hearse were covered with floral tributes. The following acted as pallbearers: J. Flack, C. C. Cooper, Charles Nickerson, J. J. Bothwell, A. Smith and Banister. Interment was made in Ross Bay cemetery.

The funeral service of the late John Lock, who passed away at the Royal Jubilee Hospital last Saturday, took place from the Sands Funeral Home at 10.30 o'clock this morning. The casket was covered with many floral tributes and many friends attended the service. The funeral service was conducted by the Rev. J. S. Paterson. The pallbearers were Frank Adams, S. Wilson, T. Tartier, F. Whimp. The remains were laid to rest at Ross Bay Cemetery.

The funeral of the late Margaret Fulton Helgesen, who passed away Tuesday evening, will take place tomorrow afternoon. The cortege will proceed from the Thomson Funeral Home, 1625 Quadra Street, at 2 o'clock to Metchosin Church, where service will be held at 3 o'clock. The rector, Rev. W. Bolton, will officiate, after which the remains will be laid to rest in the family plot in Metchosin Cemetery.

The death occurred at an early hour this morning of Mar Wong, aged fifty-eight years, a native of China and a resident of this city for the past thirty-five years. The funeral will take place on Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Thomson Funeral Home, 1625 Quadra Street, to the Chinese Cemetery.

George Woodruff passed away at his home at East Sooke early this morning. He has been a resident of the district for the past forty-seven years. He was seventy-two years of age. He is survived by four daughters and four sons. The remains are resting at Sands Funeral Home. The funeral service will be announced later.

SHAWNIGAN PUPILS START STUDIES IN CADBORO BAY HOTEL

Will Come Here Until New Buildings Can be Built at Shawnigan Lake

Pupils of the Shawnigan Lake School, recently destroyed by fire, will move into the Cadboro Bay Hotel here shortly to continue their studies until the buildings at Shawnigan Lake can be rebuilt.

The entire junior school will come to the Cadboro Bay Hotel, while the senior forms will remain at Shawnigan. The junior pupils will move into the hotel on January 20. The hotel is being prepared now for the opening of classes under F. Mann, the proprietor.

Rebuilding of the Shawnigan Lake School will get under way shortly.

MAYOR'S REPORT SHOWS SUBSTANTIAL GAIN

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port of the taxpayers who paid their taxes in advance, and the cash surplus carried forward from the previous year.

"It might further be noted that although the amount borrowed from the bank is recorded as being $270,000, the largest amount owing to the bank at any one time during the year was only $195,000, which is certainly a remarkable improvement over recent years.

"The interest paid to the bank for advances in 1926 amounted to $1,722, the lowest expenditure under this head for over twenty years. While the interest payable to the bank is decreasing, the interest paid to taxpayers, by way of discount on prepayment of taxes is increasing, amounting to $14,711 in 1926, as against $12,276 in 1925.

"The tax rate for 1926 was thirty-nine mills, as against 39.30 in 1925 it must not be overlooked, however, that the taxable assessment was $3,296,500 lower in 1926 than in 1925.

"The net levy in 1926 amounted to $1,638,675, being a reduction of $141,039 from 1925. It might be noted that of the total amount levied in 1926, sixty-four cents in every dollar represented debt charges. These charges have now reached their peak.

"Tax collections amount to approximately 88 per cent., as against 86.2 per cent. in 1925. It is satisfactory to note that the percentage of taxes collected has steadily increased for a number of years past. The collections of general tax arrears have also steadily improved, showing a slightly higher percentage over 1925.

"Since the year 1922, when the tax prepayment plan was first adopted, the number of citizens taking advantage of this method has greatly increased. In 1922 670 taxpayers prepaid taxes amounting to $198,902. In 1926 1,575 taxpayers prepaid taxes amounting to $557,866.

PUBLIC WORKS

"Steady progress has been made during the year on the improvement and extension of the various public services. The largest item of expenditure on public works was $24,417 for re-paving wood block streets with asphalt, which included the repaving of Government Street across the Causeway, Government Street between Cormorant and Herald, Belleville Street between Menzies and Government, and Fort Street between Government and Douglas:

"The sum of $16,392 was expendeed on macadam roads, over two miles being laid down. New sewers, 792 lineal feet, were installed at a cost of $1,600, and new surface drains, 6,000 lineal feet, at a cost of $15,000. Over 17,000 square feet of concrete sidewalks and asphalt sidewalks were laid down at a cost of $5,500. Nearly 3,000 lineal feet of wooden sidewalks and gravel sidewalks were also constructed.

"A much-needed improvement, namely the widening of Pandora Avenue, was authorized by the City Council, and this work is now proceeding between Fernwood Road and Harrison Street.

"All macadam roads in the city were oiled during the year at a cost of $6,500.

WATERWORKS

"Sooke Section.—Further work has been done on the flow line in the way of installing copper bands to stop leakage. The leakage has been cut from 22.88 per cent. in 1925 to 16.72 per cent. in 1926. Three twelve-inch cross connections have been made between the Sooke and Goldstream mains. On Hillside Avenue 1,500 feet of twenty-four-inch main has been relaid, and Stadacona Avenue was placed on the high-pressure system. In all, 2,227 feet of main has been laid, and 110 new services installed.

"Esquimalt Section.—In all 7,105 feet of new main have been laid, and twenty-two new services instalied. Necessary improvements have also been made to improve circulation.

ASSESSMENTS

"The assessment for the year 1927 was completed on August 14 last, and, after being submitted to the Court of Revision on October 20 was left by that Court on November 20, as follows: Land, $31,922,964; improvements, $40,071,970. Total, $71,994,934. Exemptions amounted to—land, $5,923,170; improvements, $11,594,980, leaving the net assessment for 1927 on land, $25,999,794; improvements, $28,476,990. Total, $54,476,784.

BUILDING CONSTRUCTION

"A very satisfactory increase is to be noted in construction work in the city during the past year. The total value of the permits taken out amounts to approximately $700,000, as against $542,000 in 1925.

PARKS AND BOULEVARDS

"Many needed improvements were carried out in connection with the various city parks during the year. The principal work undertaken was the cleaning out of Goodacre Lake in Beacon Hill Park, at a cost of $2,029. A new band stand is now in course of erection in Beacon Hill Park, a new location having been chosen in a more convenient situation.

"A great deal of work has also been done at Royal Athletic Park. In addition to grading the whole of the ground, a running track was installed, and a new fence has been erected.

"Shrubs and trees were planted and grass sown down in Redfern Park, and at the Esplanade on Belleville Street. A children's playground has been made between Mason and Opal Streets.

LAND DEPARTMENT

"This department shows a very satisfactory increase in all branches of its work, as compared with 1925. The total sales for the year amount to $290,812. It is gratifying to note a very marked improvement in the collection of rentals, many arrears having been paid off during the year.

"The land committee is building for the future, and many strips of 'frontage' have been acquired with a view to street widening requirements, also various lots are being reserved for possible school and park purposes.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

"Health conditions in the city maintain a very high standard. The major infectious diseases were below normal, and typhoid was entirely absent from the city.

"The general death rate of the city for 1926 was 13.2 per 1,000, and the infant mortality rate (white) was 26.8 per 1,000 births. The infant mortality rate is exceedingly low, and compares most favorably with any other city.

"The Isolation Hospital, which is entirely supported by the city, is under the jurisdiction of the city medical health officer, as also are the Old Men's Home, Children's Aid Home and the Old Ladies' Home. Conditions in these institutions are very satisfactory indeed.

"The Victorian Order of Nurses, affiliated with the health department, continues its excellent work. The nurses and ladies of this order, assist at the weekly baby clinics, where upwards of 830 examinations of infants and children have been made during the year.

"The inspection of milk, beef, etc., is carried out by officials of the health department, as also the sanitary inspection of business premises, dwelling houses, etc. All work in connection with disinfecting and quarantine is done by health department officials. Our freedom from serious infectious disease is due to the efficient manner in which this work is carried out.

PUBLIC LIBRARY

"The city library, under Miss Margaret J. Clay, continues to enlarge its sphere of usefulness. The work in all departments steadily increases, and in the children's department the circulation has risen from 34,484 in 1925 to 42,455 in 1926. Special work in connection with the loan of collections to schools has also greatly increased.

"The reference departmen is an established institution in the intellectual life of the community, and thousands of inquiries are answered in the course of the year, assistance being given to all service clubs and other organizations in the city, and also the various colleges and schools.

"Arrangements with adjoining municipalities regarding the use of the library are still in force, and there are co-operative branches in Cumberland, Alberni, Port Alberni, Shawnigan Lake and Ganges Harbor. Miss Clay commends very highly the work of all members of her staff.

STREET LIGHTING

"This department operated during the year without any interruption, and has given very satisfactory service. All demands for additional lighting facilities have been met, and the plant is sufficiently large to meet the probable demand for further extensions in the coming year.

PUBLIC MARKET

"The city market has had a very prosperous year. The stalls available number 119, and all are rented. The total revenue amounted to $8,154, being an increase of $379 over 1925.

"During the year the whole of the stall accommodation was remodeled, everything being made uniform, and the market now presents a very attractive appearance. The small wooden section of the floor was replaced with asphalt, and the whole market is now absolutely clean and sanitary.

"The iron doors at the main entrance are being replaced with glass doors which will make for the comfort of stallholders and the public.

POLICE

"A full report of the affairs of this department will be submitted by the board of police commissioners. It might be stated, however, that the police force, under Chief Fry, has functioned in a most efficient manner.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

"Tis department, under Chief Stewart, maintains its high record of efficiency. The number of alarms received during the year totaled 312, and there were 62 fires with loss. The total fire loss for the year amounted to $33,980, less than $1 per capita. Included in this fire loss is $13,500, being damage caused by the explosion of the gasometer of the Victoria Gas Company, there being no fire damage.

"Since the inception of the schedule of remuneration for services at fires in the municipalities of Saanich and Esquimalt, on calls from these districts have been made on the department."

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"William Tell Overture" (Two Parts) ..... Arthur Prior's Band
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"When Twilight Comes I'm Thinking of You" .....John McCormack
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HOCKEY, BOXING **TIMES SPORTING NEWS** GOLF, FOOTBALL

Four Goals To Bad Black Hawks Rally And Defeat Maroons

Spectacular Effort by Chicago Ends With MacKay Scoring Winner in Overtime

McVeigh Tied Count With But Ten Seconds to go in Last Period; Edmonton Win

Chicago, Dec. 30 (Canadian Press)—A crowd of 7,000 persons, the largest of the season, packed the Coliseum last night to see the Chicago Black Hawks nose out the world's champion Montreal Maroons in a thrilling overtime battle and take the lead in the American division of the National Hockey League. The Hawks' victory was very spectacular as they were four goals down in the second period. The score was 5-4.

Ten seconds before the regulation time ended McVeigh, substitute forward, slipped the puck past Benedict to tie the score and send the game into overtime from which the Hawks emerged with a 5 to 4 victory.

Mickey McKay scored the winnnig goal on a pass from Babe Dye.

The Maroons had all the best of the match at the start, chiefly through the efforts of Bill Phillips, who played out of his regular position to fill the place of Nels Stewart, regular centre player, who drew a one-game suspension after he had drawn three major penalties. The Hawks' phenomenal rally began in the second period. Babe Dye scored twice before the period ended, and with 1 minute and 15 seconds to play in the third period, Dick Irvin cut Montreal's margin down to one goal. McVeigh's goal with ten seconds to go, tied the count and after thirteen minutes overtime a mashing five-man drive gave Chicago the victory.

Chicago	Position	Maroons
Lehman	Goal	Benedict
Trapp	Defence	Munro
Fraser	Defence	Noble
MacKay	Centre	Phillips
Hay	Wing	Broadbent
Irvin	Wing	Siebert
Traub	Sub.	Dinsmore
Dutkowski	Sub	Dutton
Doraty	Sub	Carson, Rothschild, Donnelly

SUMMARY

First Period—1, Montreal, Phillips, .05; 2, Montreal, Phillips, 2.05.

Second Period—3, Montreal, Munro, .35; 4, Montreal, Siebert, 2.25; 5, Chicago, Dye, 4.40; 6, Chicago, Dye, 11.30.

Third Period — 7, Chicago, Irvin, 18.45; 8, Chicago, McVeigh, 1.05.

Overtime—9, Chicago, MacKay.

PENALTIES

First Period—Noble.

Second Period — Noble, Dutton, Traub.

Third Period — Fraser, Dinsmore, Dutton.

Overtime—None.

Edmonton, Dec. 30.—Edmonton Eskimos defeated Saskatoon Sheiks 4-1 here last night and as a result climbed into undisputed possession of first place in the Prairie Hockey League. It was the Eskimos's fourth straight victory and wound up a most successful stay.

For two periods the crimson shirts from Saskatoon gave the Eskimos a real battle and it looked like anybody's game. Sticky ice, which made the puck hard to carry, slowed up the first period, and there was little real action until the second period, when Cameron opened the scoring with a goal twenty seconds after the face-off. Grant retaliated for the Eskimos shortly after. The period ended with the count knotted 1-1.

The third period was crammed with action for the fans, three goals failing to the Eskimos without a response from the Sheiks. Morrison, smallest man on the ice, electrified the crowd with his dashing activities and was responsible for two goals.

Saskatoon	Position	Edmonton
Aikenhead	Goal	Fowler
Hurtubise	Defence	Irving
Hoffinger	Defence	McGowan
Moffatt	Forward	Morris
Cameron	Forward	Grant
Connors	Forward	Harris
Westwick	Sub	Teel
Poole	Sub	Evans
Dalman	Sub	Morrison
Dewar	Sub	McLennan

Referee—Gordon Meeking.

Judge of play—Harry Scott.

SUMMARY

First period—No score.

Second period—1, Saskatoon, Cameron, .20; 2, Edmonton, Grant, 1.50.

Third period—3, Edmonton, Morris, from Irving, 4.50; 4, Edmonton, Morrison from Evans, 3.00; 5, Edmonton, Morrison, from Morris, 10.50.

PENALTIES

First period—Hoffinger, McGowan.

Second period—Hoffinger.

Third period—Dewar, McLennan, Connors.

Swims Between Ice Cakes For Exercise

Trenton, N.J., Dec. 30—Mrs. Charlotte Moore Schoemmell of New York, holder of numerous women's long-distance swimming records, yesterday swam the Delaware River at the point where Washington and his troops crossed 150 years ago, eight miles north of Trenton.

Swimming against a ten-mile current with ice floating about her, Mrs. Schoemmell made the distance of about one-third of a mile in ten minutes, thirty seconds.

POCKETED PUCK

MICKEY MACKAY

This streak of lightning on blades won a game for Chicago last night by scoring a goal in overtime. Mickey is playing fine hockey for the Black Hawks. The Montreal Maroons gained a lead of four goals in the first two periods but Chicago finished strong, evened the score, and then won in the overtime.

Canadian Tennis Tourney May Come To Coast in 1927

B.C. Lawn Tennis Association to Make Bid For Championships Again

Vancouver, Dec. 30.—Vancouver may again next Summer be the venue of the Canadian Lawn Tennis championships. This will be decided at the annual meeting of the Dominion governing body in Toronto Saturday, February 19, when E. J. H. Cardinall, secretary of the Vancouver club, will press the claims of this city as representing the British Columbia Association.

It will be remembered that two years ago Mr. Cardinall went East, and against considerable opposition secured the championships for Vancouver for the three-year cycle, on the understanding Victoria would be given the middle year. In 1925 the title events were competed for at the Vancouver club, while last Summer Victoria staged them according to arrangements. At the meeting in the East last Winter some arrangement was affected whereby the proposal to limit the championships to two years would be debated at the forthcoming gathering in Toronto. Mr. Cardinall will press for the championships on the ground that the club this year has a chance to make a little money out of the event after paying the heavy impost of the first two years and the series due to this city.

INCREASE VOTING POWER

On behalf of the British Columbia Association he will urge the adoption of two amendments to the constitution, one making it obligatory for all clubs having direct membership in the C.L.T.A. to be also members of their provincial bodies. At present clubs with large memberships such as Vancouver and Victoria could outvote the B.C.L.T.A., with its forty-one clubs, by seventy-five votes. Doubling the vote would at all times safeguard control, Mr. Young states.

Mr. Young has not yet received notice of amendments proposed by other associations.

HORSE RACING

Tia Juana, Mex., Dec. 30.—Results of racing here yesterday:

First race, six furlongs—1, Chill Con Carne, $4.80, $3, $2.40; 2, Yorkshire Maid, $7.20, $3; 3, Vibrator, $2.60. Time, 1.15.

Second race, six furlongs—1, Valley Joe, $26.60, $7.80, $6.80; 2, John Franklin, $4, $6.20; 3, Jersey Red, $24. Time, 1:14 4-5.

Third race, four and one-half furlongs—1, Sun Swept, $30.40, $14, $8; 2, Rose Thorn, $5.80, $5; 3, Miss Omaha, $5. Time, .55.

Fourth race, five furlongs—1, Miss Fountain, $32, $12.60, $4.20; 2, Saxapile, $4.80, $2.60; 3, Marjorie Seth, $2.40. Time, 1.02 1-5.

Fifth race, one mile—1, Wynnewood, $10.80, $3.80, $3.20; 2, Lierre, $2.60, $2.40; 3, Roller, $3.80. Time, 1.43.

Sixth race, one and one-sixteenth miles—1, London Smoke, $13.80, $7.20, $4; 2, Singapore, $5.40, $5.60; 3, Irvington, $4. Time, 1.49 4-5.

Seventh race, five and one-half furlongs—1, Norfield, $6.20, $4.20, $3.40; 2, Lemon Seth, $5.80, $4.60; 3, Canny Lady, $8. Time, 1.08 4-5.

Eighth race, five furlongs—1, Virginia Carlton, $4.80, $3.20, $2.60; 2, Miss Lester, $4.20, $3.20; 3, Downtown, $3,40. Time, 1.00 3-5.

Sotheron Released

St. Louis, Dec. 30.—Alan Sotheron, thirty-three, one of the few remaining spitball pitchers, was released yesterday by the St. Louis Cardinals as a player and named as a coach for 1927, succeeding Otto Williams, released.

Bill McKechnie, recently appointed assistant manager, will be head coach.

Californians Play Fine Game and Beat Bays By Orphan Try

Fast, Powerful Back Division With Good Heeling Scrum, Gave Them Edge

Local Boys Played Hard, Their Backs Tackling Well; Money Breaks Leg

Ernie Money, who was injured in the rugby game yesterday between Stanford and the J.B.A.A., spent a fairly good night at the Royal Jubilee Hospital, and this morning was cheerful. Examination proves that he has a dislocated knee as well as a bad fracture. He will be confined to the hospital for at least a month. Money is a surveyor by profession, and only recently returned from the Queen Charlotte Islands. He had planned going out again next month.

Flying over the line near the corner flag not long before half time, Carey, one of the fast-moving three-quarters from down south, scored the only try of the benefit game for the widow of the late Capt. Peter Murray at the Willows yesterday afternoon and the J.B.A.A. had to be content with the short end of a 3-0 score. It was the first win for the Stanford University team on their present tour of British Columbia. In both their defeats in Vancouver they went under by close scores.

The Californians came here for the purpose of helping the Victoria Rugby Union raise funds for the Murray benefit. A fair crowd of fans attended, but the wet footing and the poor accommodation for spectators did not draw the "gate" that was expected.

The J.B.A.A. fielded the team to test Stanford and, while the boys gave their best and at times were dangerous, they were in difficulties quite often and only stern defensive work by the backs kept their lines clear.

MONEY HURT

A very regrettable accident occurred in the first half when Ernie Money, one of the hardest-working forwards in the game here, rushed to block a kick and fractured his right leg just below the knee. It was a bad break. The game was halted while first aid was rendered. The ambulance was summoned and Money was rushed to the Royal Jubilee Hospital, where his injury was attended to. The Victoria players have played in hard luck all season, the worst casualty being the death of Capt. Murray in the first rep game in Vancouver. Now comes the mishap to Money.

The Californians did not play the old style of game which has been featured by the Victoria teams for years. They had a heavy back division which never ran straight. The players weaved their way through when carrying the ball, much after the fashion in vogue in American football. They took the ball on the run and never missed a stride. Their scrum heeled very well and usually brought the ball back to the halves, who fed it smartly to the threes, who swung into action quickly.

OPENED UP STRONG

California opened up with a furious attack from the kick-off and kept pounding away until they scored their try. The Victoria backs tackled hard to break up the runs by the visiting three-quarters. The Bays tried to make a forward game out of it and the "threes" were used almost solely for tackling. Many scrums were formed inside the Victoria twenty-five yard line and the ball invariably came out to the waiting hands of the California halfback. The tall, powerful and fast threes went away time after time and the local backs had a job marking their men and bringing them down. Finally the visitors were favored with a good opening and carried the play across the field to the left, with Worden stepping fast on the outside. Locke, the local full-back, cut across and, with a splendid tackle, caught his man by the ankles and brought him down. The Californians followed up fast and, although there was a knock-on, Carey recovered the ball and fell over the line. Graves tried the place kick but failed to add the extra points.

At the kick-off from centre field the Bays went on the attack and were dangerous for the first time. Money was following up fast to block a return when he met with misfortune. The Californians dropped a man to even up the sides and the teams went the rest of the game with fourteen men each.

BAYS DO BETTER

In the second half the Bays showed up much better and gave their three-quarters several chances to gain ground. Webster took a kick on the run and seemed away with a clear field ahead of him, when he stumbled and fell. "Tiny" Watson, Jack McDonald and Ken Carlisle played a whirlwind game on the forward line and led several dangerous rushes.

The Californians made a scrappy game out of it and kept coming back at the locals. The good kicking to touch by Locke and Goodacre relieved several times. On one occasion the Californians forced the ball over the Victoria goal-line but none of their men could reach it. Carlisle galloped in from between the posts and led a dribbling rush which carried the ball out of danger and started the locals on a determined effort to reach the California line. All this good work, however, came to naught as a free kick was awarded against Victoria near the visitors' twenty-five yard line. On the kick the Californians drove the locals to within five yards of their line. Five scrums were ordered in a row and each time the visitors gained possession. They tried to break through first on one side and then on the other, but the local defence held stoutly. It was a brilliant piece of defensive play. Finally the locals got clear when McMillan reached the touch line with a long kick.

A SPLENDID RUN

Worden pulled one of the most beautiful runs of the day when he picked up near centre field and dodged his way through most of the local team, only to be nailed by Locke when bearing in on the uprights.

E. D. W. Levine, former Blackheath and English international, who has recently come to the Island, refereed. The teams were:

Stanford — Graves; Williamson, Carey, Frentrup; Worden and Cleveland; Butler and Wallace; Dunbar, Brown, Macabee, Clark, Kenmston, De Groot and Lynn Farrish (capt.)

J.B.A.A.—Locke; Webster, Cavineso, Stanyer and Willis; Goodacre; McMillan and McLeod; Watson, McDonald, Money, McRae, Gregor, Carlisle and Mahood.

Members of the Stanford team were entertained at a banquet at the Dominion Hotel last evening. Gordon Cameron, president of the Victoria Rugby Union, extended the thanks of the union for the visit paid by the Californians to this city and congratulated them on their play.

Lynn Farrish, captain of the visitors, thanked the union for the welcome and expressed the regrets of his teammates and himself over the injury which had befallen Money of the Victoria side. He hoped that Money would soon be around again.

Pat Maloney, manager of the Californians, Pat Straker, secretary of the Victoria Rugby Union; Bob McInnes, manager of the J.B.A.A. team; Charlie Walls and Billy Kennedy and Pat Maloney, also spoke.

Following the banquet the party visited the Crystal Garden, where dancing was enjoyed until 11.30 o'clock. The team left for Vancouver on the midnight boat.

BEAU BRUMMELL OF RING CAN HIT

EDDIE ROBERTS IN RING TOGS AND "CIVIES"; BELOW, ROBERTS'S KNOCKOUT OF JOE DUNDEE.

Tacoma, Wash., Dec. 30—Boys and girls—meet Mr. Edward Roberts.

He is the Beau Brummell of the ring. Clothes? Say, he has enough glad rags to outfit the Prince of Wales, Lew Cody and Adolphe Menjou all in one night.

He's a good-looking duke—not too sheiky—just downright handsome. He kayoes the girls with his doggy dress and he kayoes the gents with his mule-like fists.

He's a new character stepping into the big time spotlight of pugilism all because of his sensational one-round knockout of the famed Joe Dundee.

"Who is this egg, Roberts?" many a fan is asking since he tumbled the Dundee silks into San Francisco's resin dust. Few had heard of him nationally, but the boy appears to be some shucks on his own stamping ground.

Here's the low-down: About five years ago a husky youngster walked into a Tacoma gymnasium looking for Jack Connors, the Tex Rickard of the village. The young fellow said his name was Eddie Roberts and that he'd like awful much to take up boxing.

Connors took him in tow and got him a few fights, all of which he won. Then as his skill increased, so did his punching ability. He got so he could slap the boys down on almost any or all occasions. He had seventy-one ring battles and ended thirty-one of them by naively poking his opponents silly.

He is twenty-three years old and has been fighting since he was eighteen. He is well built, of average height.

His hitting power comes from two powerful hands, steel wrists and forearms, and great shoulder muscles.

He hits with short, snappy punches, but he also is adept at fighting long range, holding off his opponents with his left and then firing the right.

He smacks with either hand, but his pet blow is a short left hook delivered at short range. It travels scarcely a foot, but with it he can, and has, knocked men out.

Failure to take the game seriously handicapped him about a year ago and he suffered a pair of reverses.

But after a furious battle with "Lefty" Cooper, another coast welter, in which he was floored twice in the first round and Cooper was floored five times in the rounds following, ending up for keeps in No. 4, Roberts took on a new interest and swept through the coast welter list impressively. He wound up with his big victory over Dundee.

Because he is rangy, clever, and a great counter puncher, he is a hard man to match.

Now he is clamoring for a championship bout with Pete Latzo.

No General Shake-up In Montreal Maroons Declares President

Montreal, Dec. 30.—Rumors of a general shake-up in the Montreal Maroon team were emphatically denied yesterday by President James Strachan.

"While we are scouring the country trying to strengthen our club before the limited time of January 31, we have absolutely no idea of getting rid of any of our regular men," President Strachan stated.

"True, we might let one or two of our subs go in trades, in fact waivers are up this afternoon on Holway, but that idea of a general shake-up is absolutely without foundation. Holway will go to Stratford if no one in the National League claims him this afternoon.

"In connection with our strengthening in the past two days we have offered $15,000 for one player and $10,000 for another. Both offers have been refused, but we have not given up hope yet."

Tunney Still Open To Bid For Service

New York, Dec. 30 (C.P.)—Gene Tunney returned yesterday to New York from a ten-day vacation in the Maine woods to find the heavyweight pot boiling from industrious stirring by rival metropolitan promoters, Humbert Fugasy and Tex Rickard.

Although the heavyweight champion reiterated his assertion that he was still "open to all bidders" for a title match, he was slated for a conference, nevertheless, with Fugasy to-morrow.

Somebody Gets Off Track in Telling Story of Scandal

Stories by Leonard and West Contrary to Evidence Given Earlier

Detroit Fandom Rallies Behind Cobb; Public Hearing is Now Demanded

Chicago, Dec. 30—Baseball's newest scandal went into a complicated tail spin yesterday with a declaration from Fred West, an employee of Navin Field, in Detroit, that the money bet by him was placed on a "horse race" and not on the result of the Detroit-Cleveland ball game back in 1919, involving charges against Ty Cobb and Tris Speaker.

This is a direct contradiction of testimony West gave before Commissioner Landis to whom he admitted that money was placed on the baseball contest.

There was no statement forthcoming from Commissioner Landis's office on this newest turn of events. Examination of the testimony made public by Landis, however, revealed the following:

"Q—(By Landis)—There has been testimony given here to-day to the effect that a bet was made on that game; did you have anything to do with that bet?

"A—(By West)—Yes sir.

"Q—Just what?

"A—I placed the money; I placed the bets."

ALSO LOOKS WRONG

Dutch Leonard's denial that he sold the letters written by Cobb and Smoky Joe Wood to the American League is in conflict with a statement made by Henry Killilea, of Milwaukee, attorney for the American League, who admitted a week ago yesterday that he had settled the claim of Leonard's against the Detroit club last June and negotiated for the sale of the letters to the American League.

Cleveland, Ohio, Dec. 30—The statement in Detroit yesterday by Fred O. West, employee of the Tiger baseball park, that the wagers for "Dutch" Leonard and Joe Wood on which the recent baseball scandal hinged, were placed on a horse race and not on a ball game is given no credence by William H. Boyd, attorney for Tris Speaker.

"I cannot reconcile West's statement with those made to me that I know are truthful testimony," Boyd declared.

Detroit, Dec. 30.—Major developments in baseball's latest scandal centred, temporarily at least, in Detroit yesterday as Ty Cobb came back to the scene of his years of diamond triumphs to ascertain whether legal means exist to exonerate him of the charge of "fixing" a game seven years ago. Accompanied by Joe Wood, former Cleveland pitcher, who, with Tris Speaker and "Dutch" Leonard, were accused with the former Tiger manager, Cobb came to find virtually all local fandom was with him in his effort.

Coincident with Cobb's arrival to confer with a prominent Detroit attorney, came a lengthy statement from F. O. West, Navin Field attendant, to the effect that the money he was delegated to bet on the game between Cleveland and Detroit on September 25, 1919, was wagered not on the game, but on a horse race. It was West who Leonard said was given the money to bet on the game.

SILENCE ORDERED

Cobb came to Detroit to find that his attorney, James O. Murfin, regent of the University of Michigan and a former circuit judge, had placed a ban on any talking by the former Tiger leader.

He also found an organized movement under way to petition for a public hearing of the charges against him, Speaker and Woods.

The petition, addressed to the presidents of all American and National League clubs, asked that all evidence of the alleged conspiracy be presented at a public hearing before a jury of twelve baseball sport writers to be selected by the club presidents and specify that no evidence be presented at the proposed hearing unless Cobb, Speaker and Wood "shall have the right to cross-examine their accusers, especially Hubert Leonard."

The petition adds that in the event Leonard fails to appear at the hearing, the club presidents should "forthwith publicly exonerate Cobb, Speaker and Wood."

West, in his statement, absolved Cobb and Speaker of any wagerings, either on the ball game or on the horse race. The bet on the game, West said, was Leonard's idea, but when Wood delivered the money to him, West convinced Wood that a "hot tip" on a horse race should be played. Wood and West agreed, the latter said, to make good the bet if the horse lost. The urge to bet on the horse race, West said, came out of the fact that "better odds" were obtainable.

The horse, named by West as "Panaman," won, the Navin Field attendant said, and he collected winnings of $400, all he had been able to place with two bookmakers. The winnings, he said, he handed over to Wood at the Michigan Central station here.

LEONARD ENGINEERED IT

West said Leonard engineered the entire transaction, calling him to the Tiger clubhouse here on September 24, the day before the alleged "fixed game." Later, he said, Leonard advised him Wood would give him the money to bet the following morning. The money, West said, was handed over to him in an envelope.

Attorney Murfin explained that he had admonished Cobb over the telephone at Cleveland this morning "not to talk." He also said he would have no statement to make himself until he had gone thoroughly into the "affair."

Murfin said he had no idea how Cobb's case could be approached in a legal way. "I believe Cobb to be honest," he said. "I have know him twenty years and in that time I have found no reason to believe him otherwise. I will do everything in my power to preserve his integrity in the eyes of the public."

CANADA ENTRY

Irene O'Buryne Is On Scene for Catalina Swim

IRENE O'BURYNE

Irene O'Buryne, seventeen-year-old miss, holder of many records, will be Canada's representative in the Catalina, Calif. swim. She is already on the scene in active training for the event which promises to bring together the country's greatest distance swimmers.

Another Baseball Scandal Promised By a "Black Sox"

Risberg, Former Chicago Player, Says Twenty Big Leaguers Involved

Chicago, Dec. 30.—A new baseball quiz, may come out of declarations of Charles "Swede" Risberg, former Chicago White Sox shortstop, that he "can give baseball's bosses information that will implicate twenty big leaguers who never before have been mentioned in connection with crookedness."

Risberg, banned from baseball as the result of the 1919 world's series scandal, made his statement to The Chicago Tribune at his Minnesota Dairy Farm, and immediately drew from baseball's commissioner, K. M. Landis, a declaration that he would welcome hearing Risberg's story.

"Most certainly he would be welcome," the commissioner said after reading Risberg's accusations, but he declined to comment on the statement in which Risberg declared "Landis and the big bosses of baseball don't want to know the facts."

Chess Masters of Vancouver to Play Winnipeg by Radio

Winnipeg, Dec. 30.—Chess players of Winnipeg and Vancouver, though separated by over 1,000 miles of plain, mountain and water, will match their wits in ten games on New Year's Day.

The Canadian National Railways radio stations, CNRV, Vancouver, and CNRW, Winnipeg, have arranged the tournament, which will be fought out between the hours of 12 o'clock noon, central time, and 4 p.m., and from 6 p.m. until the games are finished.

In the Vancouver studio ten prominent business men, members of the Vancouver Chess Club, seated at ten separate tables, will compete with members of the Winnipeg Wednesday Night Club, also at ten separate tables. Telegraph instruments in each studio will assure instantaneous notifications of the moves; the only game which will be broadcast play by play will be that of the top board men.

CNRW will commence broadcasting the moves at 9 p.m. Summaries of the games played at the other boards will be announced from time to time.

The following is the Winnipeg line-up: H. H. Burrell; E. S. Lancashire, Northwest champion; Professor J. H. Cross, St. John's College; Professor Garfinkle; G. H. Irwin; T. F. Speedy, Gretna, Man.; A. W. Gilbert; J. R. Collacott; N. H. Wallbank.

BOUT POSTPONED A WEEK

New York, Dec. 30.—A postponement of a week before he must defend his world's bantamweight title against Bushy Graham here was granted Charley "Phill" Rosenberg at the meeting of the State Athletic Commission yesterday on the champion's plea of illness. The contest is now planned for January 14.

Play For Scottish Cup Will Open Next Month; Draw Made

First Round Will be Played on Jan. 22; Strong Teams Meet Weak Ones

Glasgow, Dec. 30 (Canadian Press Cable).—The draw for the first round of the Scottish Cup to be played on January 22, has been announced as follows:

SCOTTISH CUP
First Round

Elgin City vs. Albion Rovers.
Queen's Park vs. Inverness Caledonians.
Thornhill vs. East Fife.
Dykehead vs. Montrose.
Bathgate vs. Dunfermline.
Stenhousemuir vs. Partick Thistle.
Kilmarnock vs. Peebles Rovers.
Helensburgh vs. Aberdeen.
Brechin City vs. Vale of Leithen.
Buckie Thistle vs. Fraserburgh.
East Stirling vs. Dumbarton.
Alloa vs. Morton.
Dundee vs. Motherwell.
Douglas Wanderers vs. Clydebank.
Bo'ness vs. Lochgelly United.
Vale of Leven vs. Johnstone.
Arbroath vs. Dundee United.
Ayr vs. Airdrieo.
Queen of South vs. Celtic.
Leith Athletic vs. Glasgow Rangers.
Cowdenbeath vs. Hibernians.
Clyde vs. Hearts.
Forrest Mechanics vs. Mid-Annandale.
St. Bernards vs. Vale of Atholl.
Forfar vs. Raith Rovers.
St. Mirren vs. Arbroath.
Nithsdale vs. Arthurlie.
Broxburn vs. Armdale.
Hamilton vs. Stranraer.
King's Park vs. Third Lanark.
Falkirk vs. St. Johnstone.

Hockey Results

New York, Dec. 30 (Canadian Press).—McGill University's hockey team will meet Yale University in an international collegiate match at Madison Square Garden to-night.

McGill last night defeated Harvard 4-3 in Boston after ten minutes overtime.

University of Toronto, Canadian inter-collegiate champions, who defeated Princeton in an overtime game Monday night, 5-4, will face the Crimsons of Harvard here to-morrow night.

Trail, B.C., Dec. 30.—In the second game of the West Kootenay Hockey League here last night, Trail Seniors blanked Nelson Seniors by 4-0 on heavy ice. Rossland Miners, who defeated Trail last week in the opening game, thus head the league.

St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 30.—The Chicago Cardinals defeated St. Paul by 3-2 in an American Professional Hockey League game last night.

Winnipeg, Dec. 30.—In one of the roughest hockey games played here this season, Duluth defeated the Winnipeg Maroons 4-3 in an American Hockey League encounter last night. Twenty-two penalties were handed out.

London, Ont., Dec. 30.—In a grueling Canadian Hockey League fixture played here last night, Stratford defeated London, 2-1, after three minutes of overtime. The game was a battle from start to finish, and some excellent hockey was furnished for the fans who filled the arena.

Several Teams to Enter Y.M.C.A. Race On New Year's Day

Entries are being received for the annual Y.M.C.A. road race to be held on New Year's Day. The race will start from the corner of Yates and View Streets, and it is expected that a large number of people will attend.

The list of officials for the race is being arranged. It is expected that there will be about fifteen relay teams in the race. Teams will enter from several city churches and business houses.

The race will be under the supervision of Archie McKinnon, physical director of the Y.M.C.A. Teams wishing information are asked to telephone Mr. McKinnon at 5275.

Suzanne Plays Before Full House in South

Los Angeles, Dec. 30.—C. C. Pyle's constellation of professional tennis stars headed by Suzanne Lenglen, left Los Angeles yesterday for El Paso, Texas, the next stop on its exhibition tour of the United States. Gate receipts at last night's Los Angeles appearance of the troupe were estimated at $20,000. Accompanying the French woman ace to Texas yesterday were Mary Browne, Vincent Richards, Paul Feret and Howard Kinsey.

1,107 Runs Compiled By Victoria Eleven For World's Record

Melbourne, Dec. 30 — A world's cricket record for a single innings score was set up by Victoria when they defeated New South Wales and won the Sheffield Shield, emblematic of the championship of Australia. Victoria won by an innings and 650 runs, scoring the huge record total of 1,107 runs. New South Wales compiled totals of 221 and 230 in its two innings. The match concluded to-day.

KID CARSON'S WILL

Denver, Dec. 30.—The last will and testament of Kit Carson, famous Indian scout of the old West, now is on exhibit in the state historical museum. It was made at Fort Lyon, Col., may 15, 1868, thirteen days before Carson died at Taos, N.M., and recently brought here from Pueblo County court house.

AT THE THEATRES

TOM MIX FIGURES IN TRAIN ROBBERY AT THE COLUMBIA

Tom Mix was host at the Great Salt Lake's biggest merry-go-round party, while he was on his way from Fox Films studio in Hollywood to Glenwood Springs to film scenes for "The Great K. & A. Train Robbery," now at the Columbia Theatre, in the Royal Gorge of the Arkansas river, Colorado's most scenic spot.

The company took advantage of the time while their cars were being transferred from the Union Pacific to the Denver and Rio Grande Western railways to break the journey with a visit to the Lakeshore.

Mrs. Mix, Little Miss Tomasina Mix, Dorothy Dwan, Mix's leading woman and Mrs. Smith, Miss Dwan's mother, traveled in Mix's limousine to the lake and in other cars were Edward Peil Sr., Harry Gripp, William Walling, Carl Miller and Curtis McHenry, the principal members of the cast and forty others of the company.

It was a big party when it started from the city but by the time Mix arrived at the lake it was a regular motor parade. Every one along the road recognized the actor and machine after machine turned about to follow the western star.

Where To Go To-night

Royal—"The Riddle Woman."
Columbia—"The Great K & A Train Robbery."
Capitol—"Take It From Me."
Dominion—"Upstage."
Coliseum—"The Sleeping Beauty."
Playhouse—"Puss in Boots."
Crystal Garden—Sea bathing and dancing.

"SLEEPING BEAUTY" FINE EXAMPLE OF MODERN PANTOMIME

"The Sleeping Beauty" at the Coliseum is a fine example of the modern pantomime. Everything is up to date and the ensembles and dances are as snappy as those in a revue. Greta Macartney appear in a Highland dance with Joe Kemper and the Coliseum girls and as "Kilties," and another featured number, "The India Love Call." The story flows evenly through the show; there is plot and counter plot, with the Princess (Gertrude Burton) and the Prince (Eileen Allwood) always being saved in the last extremity by their friends who include an extra-Cobbett), as well, of course, as the fairy queen, played by Violet Fowkes), who has a ballet scene in the second act. Ed. Redmond keeps the merriment going with Frank Allwood as the rather henpeck King.

MME. BERTHA KALICH AT ROYAL TO-NIGHT

NORMA SHEARER'S FILM CAREER DUE TO CIRCUMSTANCE

Chance did not bring to the screen the star of "Upstage," now playing at the Dominion Theatre, but rather circumstances. Miss Shearer's parents were wealthy residents of Montreal, her father a prominent business man, but due to an unfortunate turn of events most of the family fortune was lost in a business deal.

Norma did not consider working a disgrace, nor the stage and screen opportunities to be dismissed at a thought, so she made a deliberate attempt to get into pictures. With her family, she and her sister went to New York where they were going to attempt to refill the family coffers.

Norma's sister soon dropped out of the race by marrying, so this made it all the more necessary for the one remaining girl to make good. She haunted agencies, casting offices of both stage and screen, and let no opportunity pass her without first grasping for it and testing its reliability.

She met Louis B. Mayer on one of his trips to New York, and he was immediately impressed with her beauty, a type that was new to the screen.

He was at the time in search of new faces, and consequently had tests made of every possibility. Miss Shearer's test was more than successful, it was a revelation. She was put under contract to the Mayer organization and brought to the Pacific coast.

Emeralds are so popular just now in England that $6,000 a carat is being paid for the best specimens.

CAMERAMAN WAS FORCED TO LAUGH AT DENNY'S ANTICS

If it makes Arthur Todd laugh, it will make anybody else howl.

That's an axiom at Universal City. Arthur Todd is a genial enough cameraman, but he has been photographing comedies of one kind or another for years.

He has seen comedians near and far perform all sorts of supposedly humorous antics. He has seen every bit of pantomime, every funny situation, every "gag" ever performed before the motion camera.

So, if the scene can provoke Todd into a chuckle as he cranks the camera on it, the director is a happy man.

"Take It From Me," the feature attraction at the Capitol Theatre this week, was photographed by Todd, and William Seiter, the director, proudly asserts that the picture wrung several smiles even from this hardened cynic, so he is thoroughly happy.

Todd has turned the camera on such laugh-provoking farces as "The Cohens and Kellys," "Poker Faces," "Rolling Home," "Her Big Night," "Skinner's Dress Suit," "What Happened to Jones" and scores of others.

An unusually large cast supports the star in "Take It From Me." Blanche Mehaffey plays the feminine lead, with Lee Moran, Ben Hendricks, Jr., Ethel Wales, Lucien Littlefield, Jean Tolley, Vera Lewis, Tom O'Brien, Bertram Johns and others in the cast.

"PUSS IN BOOTS" DRAWING CROWDS TO THE PLAYHOUSE

The pantomime, "Puss in Boots," is drawing delighted crowds to the Playhouse this week to witness Reginald Hincks's stage production in three acts. Betty Bronson and Ricardo Cortez are appearing in the current picture feature, "The Cat's Pyjamas." It is described as a "serious comedy."

Imitation jewels are selling well in Paris where an artistic bracelet with imitation diamonds set in silver may bring as much as $100.

MADAME KALICH AT ROYAL TO-NIGHT IN 'THE RIDDLE WOMAN'

Jacobi Play Gives Noted Actress Fullest Opportunity to Display Her Talents

Madame Bertha Kalich will appear at the Royal Victoria Theatre tonight in "The Riddle: Woman."

Madame Kalich was given an enthusiastic reception at Vancouver, a Mainland critic having the following to say about her:

"Lovers of the best in dramatic art should not miss the opportunity of seeing Madame Bertha Kalich. Although there is little outstanding about the Wells-Donally adaptation of the Jacobi play, it does provide the noted actress with the fullest opportunity to display her remarkable talents.

"The Riddle: Woman" is a drama in three acts; the first is rather dull, but the remaining two are crammed with emotional thrills. The theme is not new and despite the fact that the drama presented is repeatedly mirrored in the news dispatches, the play leaves the impression that one has been witnessing not a pictured page of life, but rather a study of the characters of abnormal people.

The scene is laid in Denmark. Two women, one a spinster, the other married to a rich man, have been the victims of a plausible "Don Juan." For years he has been living on them by means of blackmail. His unrelenting demands finally cause the suicide of the unmarried woman.

He turns about for a fresh victim and fixes his attentions upon a young and beautiful girl. Then it is that the "Riddle Woman" intervenes to prevent his marriage. As the price of his silence he demands that she cease her interference. Her refusal leads to a dramatic climax in which they engage in a terrific fight. The woman emerges victorious with three incriminating letters in her hand, just as her husband enters the room.

Then at last is the riddle read and one finds that the husband has known all along of his wife's youthful indiscretion.

In the role of Lilla Olrik, the "Riddle Woman," Madame Kalich is at her best. In moments of tenderness she plays upon the heartstrings of her audience with consummate skill. She thrills them with the power of her passion and at times brings forth tears by the intensity of her appeal.

In the last act, where, like a tiger at bay, she is driven into a corner by her persecuter and is prepared to kill rather than sacrifice the love of her husband, Madame Kalich becomes the very personification of outraged womanhood. It is doubtful if a more remarkable display of emotional acting could be staged.

Scene from "Take It From Me," showing at Capitol this week.

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PATRICIA O'SHEA

"Miss Winnipeg" and winner at the international beauty fete held a few months ago at Galveston. She appears with the solo dance ballet of "Capt. Plunkett's Revue of 1926" at the Royal for three days beginning Thursday, January 6.

BIG GAME

Harrisburg, Pa., Dec. 30.—Some species of big game apparently are increasing in Pennsylvania. There were 645 bears killed during the season just concluded, against 470 last year. Bags of rabbits, squirrels and birds, however, were far less.

NEW YEAR CARNIVAL DANCE
Pride of the Island S.O.E.
Friday, December 31, K. of P. Hall
North Park Street
Dancing from 9 o'clock to 1 o'clock. Admission 50c. Turkeys and other prizes. Come and have a jolly time.

NEW FEATURES IN CAPT. PLUNKETT'S "REVUE OF 1926"

Make out a list of all the things you think are required for the best revue production you can imagine. You'll find every one of them in the new music-and-dance melange, "Capt. Plunkett's Revue of 1926."

This is the 'Dumbells' younger sister. It comes to the Royal Victoria Theatre here for three days on Thursday, January 6 with a matinee on Saturday.

Every single member of its ballet corps is a soloist and a specialist. Every single one is both beautiful and beautifully costumed. There is a freshness and a sparkle about all the dancing that John Tiller himself would envy. There is also little Miss Jeanette Garrette, a vest-pocket edition of Pavlowa, who learned to dance before she learned to talk and now does the latter better than most people do either.

Musically, the production is in a class by itself. It has a great many more concerted numbers, with unusual chorus effects, than is customary. There is a tremendous variety both in songs and singers—concert numbers and concert artists, comedy and singing comedians, the ballad at its best, popular-type melodies given with novel presentations and a quartette of experts in the new jazz-harmony which no one can adequately describe and only one in a thousand artists can sing.

The revue is high-speed, full of something a little better than pep, with a freshness and wholesomeness about it, that is unequalled.

SOUGHT BOOTLEGGER WANTED IN SEATTLE REPORTS TO POLICE

Seattle, Dec. 30 (Associated Press)—After bein sought a week throughout Northwest Washington, Frank Gatt, who was named last Wednesday in a Seattle Federal grand jury indictment as an intermediary between officials and bootleggers here, to-day surrendered to deputy U.S. marshals. Friends of John Gatt, a brother of Frank, promised that he will submit to arrest in the same case to-morrow.

Other arrests to-day on indictments of the jury, which named more than 100 persons as liquor conspirators, included Charles Romeo and Lewis I. Gault.

TEN TONS OF PIGTAILS

New York, Dec. 30.—Growing use of "transformations" for feminine polls which are abandoning the bob has led to increased importation of Chinese pigtails. One ship arriving at Brooklyn brought ten tons of ex-Celestial hair.

Hudson's Bay Company Employees' Association
NEW YEAR'S EVE DANCE
AT THE ALEXANDRA HALL
Commencing at 9 o'clock
Admission $1.00, Including Refreshments
Only Those Holding Season Invitation Tickets Will Be Admitted to This Dance

Wall Street TO-DAY

Last Minute News on Stocks and Financial Affairs

New York, Dec. 30 (By R. P. Clark & Co.)—Mixed movements were featured in to-day's market. Stocks were in supply early as result of firming money rates due to heavy calling of loans to take care of year end requirements but the seasoned dividend paying carriers and some of the seasoned dividend paying industrials reflected the early stages of January reinstatement and gave a good account of themselves.

Some of petroleum shares were under pressure influenced by refusal of President Calles to extend beyond December 31 time in which companies may apply for confirmation of holdings under the petroleum laws, but on the whole there was a pre-holiday spirit to the dealings with the market showing its best levels in the late afternoon.

A local news agency carried a report that ingot production of the steel corporation is at the rate of 78 per cent. capacity compared with a low rate of 70 per cent. at the end of last week when the holiday shut downs were in effect, this report stimulated a sharp recovery in Steel common and helped the general market. Also a factor encouraging a demand for the rails were the November rail net figures of 5.75 per cent. which on the November total showed an increase of 8 per cent. over the figures for the same month last year.

New York, Dec. 30 (By B.C. Bond Corporation's Direct Wall Street Wire)—The Wall Street Journal's stock market edition this afternoon says: Impressive demand for standard dividend stocks stood out to-day in a session marked by considerable year-end irregularity.

As it was the final day in which sales to record losses against 1926 income taxes might be made in the regular way, many transactions of this nature were undertaken. These tended to subject issues which were down substantially from the year's highs to noticeable proportions, was offset by reinstatement demand in seasoned shares of both the industrial and rail departments.

As a result the general list gave a fairly good account of itself although activity was restrained by the absence of many traders taking a New Year's vacation and by a raise in call money to 6 per cent. after renewals had been arranged at 5½ per cent. This stiffening was clearly due to preparations to take care of the huge corporate payments scheduled for January 1 and were looked upon as a purely temporary factor.

U.S. Steel, Union Carbide and Allied Chemical were the industrial leaders which received most attention from the reinvestment movement. Atchison led the advance in the rails. A sharp advance in the latter stock was accompanied by reports of a substantial extra dividend at next week's meeting.

South Porto Rico, Punta Allegre and other sugar shares were stimulated by strengthening of the raw product market, while merchandising shares were helped by statistics showing that Christmas business had been the largest on record.

Investment buying of the rails was given impetus by publication of net earnings for November which were much the largest for the month in history of the roads. They indicate that the year will show better aggregate results than had been anticipated.

NEW YORK CURB
(By R. P. Clark & Co. Limited)

	Bid	Asked
Industrials—		
Acme Coal	5	25
Centrifugal	16¾	17
Checker Cab	4½	8
Durant Del.	7½	7¾
Mesabi	95	100
Stutz	17	18
Reo	19¾	20
Tob. Prod. Ex.	3¼	5¼
Un. Profit Shar.	10	12
Un. Retail Candy	6¼	6¼
Cities Serv., com.	49⅛	49⅝
Cities Serv., pref.	91⅝	92
Cities Serv. Bkrs.	24⅛	24⅝
Am. Gas El.	100	100½
Lehigh Pow. Secs.	15¼	15½
Oils—		
Carib	24½	25
Glenrock	5	25
Int. Pete.	32	32½
Marl. Mex.	1½	2
Mexico Oil	40	48
Cont'l Oil	19⅞	20
Pennock Oil	12¼	13
Ryan Cons.	4½	4⅞
Sapulpa	10	100
Salt Cr. Prod.	31	31¼
Salt Cr. Cons.	7⅞	8
Wilcox	28¾	29
Conley Tinfoil	13½	13¾
Mount. Prod.	25	25¼
Mines—		
Ariz. Globe	5	6
Butte & W.	4	5
Cal. Jerome	6	8
Cons. Copper	2½	3
Cresson	2⅝	2¾
Delores	35	50
Eureka	6	7
Hecla	15½	15¾
Hollinger	19¾	20
J. V. Devel.	20	50
Kerr Lake	74	82
Mason Valley	2¼	2½
Nipissing	8⅝	8¾
Ohio Copper	45	50
Teck Hughes	5¾	5½
Un. Eastern	50	60
Un. Verde Ex.	24	24½

VANCOUVER GRAIN

Vancouver, Dec. 30.—Closing wheat quotations:, spot and en route, 1 Nor. 136 1-2, 2 Nor. 134, 3 Nor. 127 No. 4 wheat 117, No. 5 103 1-2, No. 6 91 1-2; feed 74 1-2; screenings $10 per ton.

TO-DAY'S EXCHANGE

New York, Dec. 30.—Foreign exchanges steady. Quotations in cents: Great Britain—Demand 484 13-16, cables 485½, 60-day bills on banks 480⅞.
France—Demand 3.95½, cables 3.96.
Italy—Demand 4.49¾, cables 4.50¼.
Belgium—Demand 13.91½.
Germany—Demand 23.78.
Holland—Demand 39.98¼.
Norway—Demand 25.28.
Sweden—Demand 26.72.
Denmark—Demand 26.65½.
Switzerland—Demand 19.32½.
Spain—Demand 15.28.
Greece—Demand 1.26.
Poland—Demand .1176.
Czechoslovakia—Demand 2.96.
Jugoslavia—Demand 1.76¾.
Austria—Demand .1412½.
Roumania—Demand .52¾.
Argentina—Demand 41.31¼.
Brazil—Demand 11.87½.
Tokio—Demand 49.00.
Shanghai—Demand 59.62½.
Montreal—Demand 99.87½.

NEW YORK STOCKS

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE, DECEMBER 30, 1926

(Supplied by two local stockbrokers over direct New York wire)

	High	Low	Close
Ajax Rubber	9-6	9-5	9-5
Allied Chemical	138-3	136	137-1
Amn. Bosch Mag.	16-6	16-1	16-1
Amn. Can	49-4	48-6	48-6
Amn. Car & Fdy.	101	101	101
American Ice	126-4	126	126
Amn. Locomotive	109-2	109	109-2
Amn. Radiator	113-4	113	113-4
Amn. Smelters	145-4	141-4	142-5
Amn. Steel Fdy.	44-4	44-3	44-4
Amn. Sugar & Ref.	81-4	80-4	81-4
Amn. Tel. & Tel.	149-2	148-7	149-1
Amn. Tobacco	123	122-7	122-7
Amn. Woolens	32-6	32-5	32-5
Anaconda Copper	47-7	47-5	47-6
Assd. Drygoods	41-7	41-1	41-1
Atch., Topeka & S.	170-2	167	168-3
Atlantic Gulf W.I.	41-2	40-4	40-4
Baldwin Loco.	163	160	160-4
Balto. & Ohio	108	107-4	107-6
Beech Nut Pkg.	58-4	58	58
Bethlehem Steel	47-1	46-4	46-6
Calif. Pkg.	69-6	69	69
Calif. Petroleum	31-2	31	31
Central Leather	7-5	7-5	7-5
Cerre de Pasco	62-1	61-6	61-6
Chandler-Cleveland	8-6	8-6	8-6
Chesapeake & Ohio	163-4	161-4	161-4
Chic., Mil. & St. P.	9	8-3	9
Do., pref.	19-6	18-4	19-2
Chicago Northwestern	80-7	80	80-1
Chic., R.I. & Pac.	69-2	68-3	68-4
Chile Copper	34-1	34	34
Chrysler Motors	42-3	41-5	42
Coco Cola	174-4	172-4	172-4
Colo. Fuel & Iron	43-6	43-6	43-6
Consolidated Cigars	85	83-4	83-4
Continental Can	72-6	72-6	72-6
Continental Motors	13-1	12-6	13
Corn Products	50-1	49-3	49-7
Crucible Steel	80-4	80	80-2
Davisson Chemical	28-1	28	28
Delaware Lack.	146-2	144-4	144-4
Dodge Bros.	27-4	26-6	26-6
Do., pref.	90	90	90
Dome Mines	11-1	11	11-1
Dupont Powder	179	177-4	177-4
Eastman Kodak	134	134	134
Elec. Stg. Battery	80-3	79-4	80-3
Erie R.R.	40-2	40	40
Famous Players	114-1	113	113
Fisk Tire Co.	16-7	16-3	16-5
Fleischmann	47	46-5	46-5
Freeport-Texas	34-4	34-2	34-2
General Asphalt	89	87-1	87-1
General Cigars	54-2	54-2	54-2
General Electric	84-3	83-4	83-5
General Motors	157-2	155-4	155-4
General Ry. Signals	84-1	83-5	84-1
Goodrich Rubber	43-1	42-5	42-5
Granby Ore	34	34	34
Great Northern Ore	19-2	19	19
Great Northern R.R. xd.	80-7	80	80
Hayes Wheel	20-6	20	20
Howe Sound	41	41	41
Houston Oil	62-4	61-4	61-4
Hudson Motors	55-2	53-3	54
Hupp. Motors	22	22	22
Ind. Oil & Gas xd.	30-3	29-5	30-2
Industrial Alcohol	79-4	78-2	78-2
Inspiration Copper	25-1	25	25-1
Int'l Bus. Mach.	53-6	52-4	53-4
Int'l C'mbst Engine	51-3	49-4	50
Int'l Harvester	144-4	143-2	143-2
Int'l Merc. Marine	38-5	37-5	37-5
Int'l Nickel	39	38-4	38-4
Int'l Paper	56-6	56-6	56
Jordan Motors	21-1	21	21-1
Kas. City Southern	42	41-7	41-7
Lago Oil & T.	22-3	22-1	22-1
Lehigh Valley	99-5	99-5	99-5
Lima Locomotive	65-5	64-6	64-6
Loew's Inc.	49-2	46-4	46-4
Lorillard	31-4	31-4	31-4
Ludlum Steel	23-6	23-4	23-6
Mack Trucks	98-3	96-4	96-4
Manhattan Elec. Sup.	57-1	56	56-4
Marland Oil	58-2	57-4	57-4
May Dept. Stores	136-1	136-1	136-1
Miami Copper	16-2	16-2	16-2
Mid-Cont. Oil	35-7	35	35
Missouri Pacific	38-5	38	38-3
Do., pref.	91-2	90-3	90-3
Mo., Kas. & Texas	32-6	32-1	32-4
Moon Motors	12-2	12-2	12-2
Montgomery Ward	67-5	67	67-2
Motherlode	4-2	4-1	4-1
Motor Wheel	20-4	20-4	20-4
Nash Motors	69-7	68-4	68-4
National Biscuit	99-2	97-7	97-7
National Lead	168	167	167
New York Central xd.	140-7	140	140-6
N.Y., New Haven & H.	42-4	42	42
Norfolk & Western	158	158	158
North American Co.	46-6	46-1	46-4
Pacific Gas & Elec.	130-6	130-4	130-4
Packard Motors	36-2	35-6	36
Pan American "B"	67-3	66	66
Pan Western Oil	37	36-5	36-5
Pathe Exchange	41-3	40-6	40-6
Pennsylvania R.R.	56-7	56-6	56-6
People's Gas	128	128	128
Phillips Petroleum	56-6	55-6	55-6
Pierce Arrow	23	22-1	22-2
Postum Cereal	101-2	98-2	98-2
Producers & Refiners	17-6	17-5	17-6
Public Svc. New Jersey	32-4	32-1	32-1
Pullman Company	189	187	187-4
Punta Allegre Sugar	45-4	44-2	45-3
Pure Oil	27-6	27-5	27-5
Radio Corporation	56-3	54	54-4
Reading Company	95-2	94-4	94-4
Republic I. & S.	56	56-6	58
R. J. Reynolds Tob.	120-4	120-1	120-1
Royal Dutch	52	52	52
Savage Arms	72	71	72
Schulte Stores	50	49-5	49-5
Sears-Roebuck	54-1	53-4	53-4
Shell Union	29	29	29
Sinclair Oil	19-4	19	19
Skelly Oil	34-6	34-2	34-4
Sloss-Sheffield	128-1	128-1	128-1
Southern Pacific	110-2	109-7	110
So. Porto Rico Sugar	162	159-4	160
Southern Railway	125-4	124-2	124-5
St. Louis & San Fran.	101-5	101	101
St. Louis & S.W.	62	61-2	62
Standard Oil Calif.	58-4	58-3	58-3
Standard Oil N.J.	39	38-7	38-7
Stewart-Warner	65	65	65
Studebaker Corpn.	54-4	54	54
Texas Company	57-4	57-2	57-2
Texas Gulf Sulphur	49-7	48-6	49-4
Texas Pacific	54-7	54	54
Timken Roller Bearing	81-7	79-5	79-5
Tobacco Products	109-3	108-4	108-4
Union Oil Calif.	57-3	55	55
Union Pacific	161-4	160-6	161
U.S. Cast Iron Pipe	232	229-1	230
U.S. Rubber	59	57-6	58-3
U.S. Smelting	36-4	36	36
U.S. Steel Corpn.	158-5	157	157-4
Universal Pipe	34-2	33-5	33-2
Warner Bros.	42-1	40-3	40-3
Wabash R.R.	41-3	41-2	41-2
Do., "A"	75-5	75-4	75-4
West. Airbrake	142	142	142
Westinghouse Elec.	69-7	69-3	69-6
White Motors	58-1	57-1	57-1
Willys-Overland	22-2	22	22
Do., pref.	90	90	90
Woolworth	185-2	182-6	182-6
Youngstown Sheet & T.	88-4	88-4	88-4

VICTORY BONDS
VICTORIA PRICES

	Buy Per $100	Sell Per $100
Victory Loan, 5½%		
1927 1st June and Dec.	100.70	100.95
1933 1st May and Nov.	103.95	104.20
1937 1st June and Dec.	107.45	107.60
War Loan, 5%		
1931 1st April and Oct.	100.95	101.20
1937 1st March and Sept.	103.10	103.35
Victory Loan, 5½%		
1927 1st May and Nov.	100.45	100.70
1932 1st May and Nov.	102.40	102.60
1934 1st May and Nov.	103.15	103.40
Dominion Loan		
1928 15th April and Oct.	100.00	100.25
1943 15th April and Oct.	102.30	102.56
1940 1st March and Sept.	96.40	96.65
1944 15th April and Oct.	96.40	96.65
1954 1st Feb. and Aug.	....	100.10

Prices subject to ¼ of 1 per cent. brokerage.

Add accrued interest to date: 1927, 1937, 29 days, .437 per $100; 1927, 1932, 1933, 1934, 59 days, .889 per $100; 1928, 1943, 76 days, 1.041 per $100; 1944, 76 days, .937 per $100.

Montreal Stocks

Montreal, Dec. 30 (By B.C. Bond Corporation)—The closing session of the year on the Montreal Stock Exchange are certainly of a nature to please the bullish element in to-day's first session not less than four issues made new high territory, while a fifth touched a higher price since 1919.

The signal for the advance was given by Canada Cement which soared up 5¼ points to 124¼. There are no new developments within the company but the prospects are so bright that shareholders are unwilling to dispose of their stock without a good profit.

For the same reason, Dominion Bridge is steadily forging ahead and the price advanced to 121½. In this case, however, the gain was not maintained and the close took place at 120.

A rumor was circulated on the Street that Canada Steamships had acquired a new line of vessels from the Norcross interests and this, coupled with the fact that earnings of the company for the last season were extremely good, accounts for the strength in both common and preferred, new high records being registered, the common at 56 and the preferred at 83.

The probable declaration of a bonus of one per cent by Dominion Textile in the very near future was ascribed as the reason for the jump in the price to-day from 102¼ to 107½, a new high record. Steel of Canada advanced 1⅛ to 118⅝, while Canadian Converters sold up one point at 100. Both companies are expected to show record earnings.

(By R. P. Clark & Co. Limited)

	Last
Abitibi	87-6
Asbestos	22-6
Do., pref.	86
Atlantic Sugar	30
Bell Telephone	136
Brazilian Traction	105
B.C. Fish. & Pack.	82
Brompton Paper	35
Can. Cement, com.	117
Do., pref.	117-6
Can. Car Fdy., com.	47-4
Do., pref.	90
Can. S.S., com.	35-7
Do., pref.	82
Can. Cottons	115
Can. Converters	101
Can. Ind. Alcohol	27-7
Cons. M. & S.	258-6
Dom. Bridge	121-4
Dom. Glass	104-4
Dom. Textile	106
Howard Smith	62
Lake of Woods Milling	148
Laurentide Co.	110-6
Mackay Co.	127-4
Montreal Power	70
National Breweries	66-7
Ontario Steel	75-4
Ogilvie Milling Co.	202
Ottawa Power	99-4
Penmans Limited	182-4
Shawinigan	267
Spanish River Pulp	102-4
Do., pref.	113-4
Steel of Can.	118-4
Twin City Elec.	61-5

MONEY MARKET

New York, Dec. 30.—Call money firmer, high 6, low 5½, ruling rate 5½, closing bid 6.

Time loans steady, mixed collateral 60-90 days 4⅝@4¾, 4-6 months 4⅝@4¾ per cent.

Prime mercantile paper 4¼@4½ per cent.

To-day's Mining Markets

VICTORIA STOCK EXCHANGE

	Bid	Asked
Mining—		
B.C. Silver	1.60	1.75
Dunwell Mines	1.05	1.12
Glacire Creek	.05	.07
Gladstone	.28¾	.31
Gleaner	..	.50
Howe Sound	41.00	..
Independence Gold	.08	.09½
Indian Mines	.04	.06
International Coal	.15	.18½
L. & L. Glacier	..	.08
Lucky Jim	.15½	.17½
Marmot Metals	..	.10
Porter Idaho	..	.14
Richmond	.12	.13½
Russell Creek	..	.30
Selkirks	..	.04
Silverado	..	.30
Silver Crest	.04½	.07
Silversmith	.24	.30
Sunloch	..	.45
Terminus	..	.11
Victoria	..	.10
Oils—		
B.C. Montana	.00 1-16	.00¼
Local Curb Stocks—		
Malaspina	..	.11½
Coast Copper	..	5.50

VANCOUVER STOCK MARKET
(By R. P. Clark & Co. Limited)

	Bid	Asked
B.C. Silver	1.68	1.70
Bayview	..	.10
Cons. Mining & Smelting	260.00	..
Daly Alaska	..	.20
Dunwell	1.14	1.17
Glacier	.05	.07
Gladstone	.29½	.31
Howe Sound	40.00	43.00
Indian	.04¼	.05
International Coal	.15	.18
Lucky Jim	.15½	.16¾
National Silver	.20	.21½
Premier	1.92	1.95
Ruth Hope	.27	.30
Silver Crest	.05	.06
Silversmith	.26½	.27¼
Surf Inlet	.00¾	..
B.C. Montana	.00 1-16	.00¼
Porter Idaho	.13	.13¾
Independence	.09	.09½
British Pete.	.09½	.09¾

TORONTO MINES
(By R. P. Clark & Co. Limited)

	Bid	Asked
Amulet	255	..
Atlas	2	..
Baldwin	3¾	5
Barry	87	..
Bidgood	8	8¼
Buckingham	6	..
Dome	1100	..
Hollinger	1885	1895
Hunton	28	29
Indian	5	6
Kirkland Lake	72½	73
Lakeshore	1460	1470
McIntyre	2525	..
Moneta	12	13
Noranda	2375	..
Preston	5½	..
Teck Hughes	520	525
Tough Oakes	53	..
Vickers	116	118
Wright Hargreaves	940	960
Night Hawk	7½	..
Beaver	53	..
Can. Lorrain	58	59
Castle	107	108
Coniagas	440	..
Crown Reserve	9	..
Everett	3¾	..
Keeley	155	..
Lakeside	3	4
Mining Corpn.	315	..
Nipissing	885	895
Temiskaming	7	10
Victory	4	4¾
Laval	45	..
Towagmac	475	..

SPOKANE STOCK EXCHANGE
(By R. P. Clark & Co. Limited)

	Bid	Asked
Ajax	.06½	.07
Ambergris	.07	..
Caledonia	.07½	.09
Callahan	1.40	1.55
Gladstone	.27	.28½
Goldsmith	.14¾	.15¾
Hecla	15.65	16.25
Leadsmith	.06¼	.06¾
Lucky Jim	.16¼	.17¼
Marsh	.02	.02¼
Premier Gold	1.87	2.00
Richmond	.10½	.11¼
Sherman Lead	.12	.15
Silversmith	.25¼	.26¾
Stratton	.30	.38
Tamarack	.38	.42
Western Union	.01	.02

CALGARY OILS
(By R. P. Clark & Co. Limited)

	Bid	Asked
British Dominion	.48	..
Dalhousie	2.15	..
Illinois Alberta	1.00	..
New McDougal Segur	1.20	..
McDougal Segur Ex.	1.45	..
McLeod	3.75	..
Royalite	30.00	..
Vulcan	4.00	..
Alberta Pacific Cons.	.20	.23
United	.90	..

SILVER

New York, Dec. 30.—Bar silver, 54¼; Mexican dollars, 41¼.

BANK CLEARINGS

Victoria bank clearings for the week ending to-day total $1,648,352. For the corresponding week of last year the total was $1,696,069.

TO-DAY'S GRAIN MARKETS

Winnipeg, Dec. 30.—Managing Director Smith of the Canadians' pool says to-day: "Demand may fall off, with the movement of Argentine and Australian wheat, but this is always met with every year, and as soon as the flush of this movement is over the control of the situation will be largely in the Canadian supply, particularly as the United States will have very little wheat left. This condition might easily result in quite a tight position of supplies in the Spring, particularly if there was any disappointment in the Canadian results of the old crop or any unsatisfactory developments in the new American crop.

"The Canadian position is much better than believed. The amount of Canadian wheat exported the past six months is 130,000,000 bushels, leaving only about 150,000,000 bushels to supply the requirements for Canadian wheat until the new crop reaches the seaboard next October.

"The amount of wheat east of the Lakes is rapidly decreasing. The decrease the first two weeks following the close of navigation was 18,000,000 bushels, the mills hold possibly ten million and the Canadian mills will need possibly 16,000,000 bushels before opening of navigation in the Spring.

"The amount east of the Lakes is being disposed of rapidly and by the end of July possibly not more than ten million will remain unsold outside of mill holdings. Very little wheat has been consigned this year particularly by the pool which has sold its wheat before shipping.

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"The amount of wheat back on the farms in Canada is possibly thirty to forty million of irregular quality. The total supply at the best in Western Canada this year will probably not be over 260,000,000 bushels, and may be less. Farmers hold but little in any section."

Winnipeg, Dec. 30.—Irregular price trends featured the wheat market here to-day, but a stronger tone prevailed and at the close values were ⅝ to ⅞ higher, with December 131⅛, May 134½ and July 133⅞.

During an early bulge, May future was 1⅜ above the previous close, but unloading by early buyers late in the day brought prices to the lower levels. Early in the day there was good buying by seaboard houses, and a fair volume of export business was reported as being worked direct from this market. Mills also were fair buyers of May wheat.

Coarse grains were firm and steady. There was very little pressure in evidence and trade continues normal.

Flax was dull. Cash wheat trade was fair.

	Open	High	Low	Close
Wheat—				
Dec.	130⅝	131½	130⅛	131⅛
May	134	135	134	134⅛
July	134	134½	133¼	133⅞
Oats—				
Dec.	57	57	56¼	56½
May	59⅛	59¼	58⅝	58⅞
July	57⅝	58	57⅛	57⅝
Barley—				
Dec.	64⅛	64⅞	64	64⅝
May	68⅛	68⅞	68¼	68⅞
Flax—				
Dec.	184	184½	183⅝	184¼
May	191	192	191	191⅛
Rye—				
Dec.	92⅝	92⅞	92¼	92⅝
May	98	98⅛	97⅞	97⅞

Cash Prices

Wheat—1 Nor., 135⅝; 2 Nor., 129⅝; 3 Nor., 123⅛; No. 4, 114⅛; No. 5, 102⅛; No. 6, 86⅛; feed, 77⅛; track, 131; screenings, $8.

Oats—2 C.W., 56⅛; 3 C.W., 53⅛; extra 1 feed, 53⅛; 1 feed, 51⅛; 2 feed, 45⅛; rejected, 44⅛; track, 54⅛.

Barley—3 C.W., 64⅜; 4 C.W., 60⅜; rejected, 56⅛; feed, 55⅛; track, 64.

Flax—1 N.W.C., 184⅛; 2 C.W., 180⅛; 3 C.W., 158½; rejected, 153½; track, 183.

Rye—2 C.W., 92⅝.

Chicago, Dec. 30 (By B.C. Bond Corporation's direct pit wire).—The wheat market averaged slightly higher with a fair run of commission house buyingg and there was also local buying and short covering, with some evening up for over the holidays.

The December fluctuations were very erratic and within a relatively wide range, and at one time sold at ½ cent under May against 2½ cents under the finish yesterday with belated short covering a factor.

A majoritty of the traders and commission houses expect December to be erratic to-morrow, which is the last delivery day and action of the near-by month may have some effect on deferred deliveries.

Export sales estimated at around 4040,000 bushels. Liverpool closed ⅝d to 1⅜d higher. Buenos Ayres was unchanged to ¼c lower at noon.

Corn prices averaged higher with some buying that was regarded as reinstatement of a line recently sold out bby a local operator and there was also commission house buying as wel las evening up for the holidays. Sellers of offers had to protect themselves on way up. Best prices were not maintained, due to profit-taking. Cash corn basis on spot firmer. Country offerings to arrive best in some time, with purchases estimated at 115,000 bushels oats affected by action of other grains.

	Open	High	Low	Close
Wheat—				
Dec.	136-4	138-7	136-4	138-4
May	139-1	139-4	138-4	139
July	130-5	131-1	130-3	130-7
Corn—				
Dec.	70	70-3	70	70
May	80-3	81	80-3	80-3
July	84	84-3	83-5	83-5
Oats—				
Dec.	45-4	45-6	45-3	45-5
May	49-5	50-1	49-5	49-6
July	47-6	48	47-5	47-5
Rye—				
Dec.	94-2	95	94-4	94-6
May	100	100-4	99-4	100

INDEMNITIES FOR FRIDAY
(By R. P. Clark & Co. Limited)

Chicago	Bids	Offers
Wheat—		
Dec.	132	149⅛
May	138⅛	140
Corn—		
May	79¾	80⅞
Rye—		
May	99	101⅛
Winnipeg		
Wheat—		
May	133¾	135¼

Liverpool Prices

Open: ⅛ to ⅝ higher; Dec., 11-2⅛; March, 10-4½; May, 10-2½.
Close: ¾ to 1⅜ higher; Dec., 11-1¼; March, 10-5⅝; May, 10-3⅛.

Chicago Cash

Wheat—3 R., 139; 1 H., 143¼; 2 H., 142⅜ to 143.
Corn—2 M., 64 to 65; 4 Y., 65⅜; 23 W., 70 to 72½.
Oats—2 C.W., 48 to 49; 3 W.O., 45½ tot 48.

NEW YORK SUGAR

New York, Dec. 30.—As no sales were recorded in the raw sugar market to-day, prices were unchanged at 5.08 for Cuban, duty paid. The refined market was unchanged at 6.10 to 6.40 for fine granulated.

(By R. P. Clark & Co. Limited)

	Open	High	Low	Close
Jan.	3.17	3.20	3.17	3.20
March	3.24	3.29	3.24	3.29
May	3.31	3.36	3.31	3.36
July	3.43	3.43	3.43	3.43
Sept.	3.49	3.49	3.49	3.49
Dec.	3.41	3.41	3.41	3.41

Wholesale Market

Revised December 29

Meats
No. 1 Steer Beef .... .18
Cow Beef .... .11½
Veal .... .15 to .20
Lamb .... .37
Mutton .... .20
Hogs .... .20

Poultry
Fowls .... .26 to .30
Chicken .... .33 and .37
Turkeys, local, lb. .... .53
Turkeys, Alberta, lb. .... .43 to .49
Geese, lb. .... .30
Ducks, lb. .... .35

Eggs
Fresh extras, case lots, dozen .... .53
Fresh firsts, case lots, dozen .... .47
Fresh Pullets, case lots, dozen .... .41

Butter
Best cartons .... .49
No. 2 grade .... .46
Solids, creamery .... .47

Cheese
Ontario solids, lb. .... .21½
Ont. solids, Sept. .... .24
Ontario twins, lb. .... .22
Ontario triplets, lb. .... .22½
Ontario Stiltons, lb. .... .26
Alberta, solids, lb. .... .21
Alberta twins, lb. .... .21½
Alberta triplets, lb. .... .21½
Alberta Stiltons, lb. .... .26
Kraft, lb. .... .35
Golden Loaf .... .33

Lard
Tierces .... .17½
Other sizes .... .18½ to .20
Compound, tierces, lb. .... .14½
Other compounds .... .15½ to .17

Hams and Bacon
Ham .... .34 to .37
Bacon .... .33 to .46

Vegetables
Calif. Head Lettuce, per crt. 3.75
Beets, sack 1.25
Cabbage, lb. .... .04 .05
Celery, California 6.75
Celery, per dozen 1.75
Artichokes, Globe, per dozen 2.00
Onions, imported, per sack 3.00
Onions, Okanagan 2.00
Potatoes, per sack .... 1.30 to 1.45
Carrots, per sack 1.25
Sweet Potatoes .... .05 to .06
Turnips, per sack 2.00
Parsnips, per sack 2.00

Fruits
Apples, Okanagan—
McIntosh Reds 2.25
Jonathans .... 1.85 to 2.00
Yellow Newtons .... 2.00 to 2.50
Delicious 2.75
Wagners .... 1.85 to 2.10
Winter Bananas .... 2.00 to 2.25
Romes 2.25
Pears, local .... M.P.
Bananas, crated .... .11
Bananas, uncrated .... .10
Cranberries, Eastern 8.00
Cranberries, Washington 4.00
Grapes, Red Emperors 3.50
Grapefruit, Calif. .... 5.50 to 6.00
Grapefruit, Florida .... 6.50 to 7.85
Lemons .... 4.50 to 5.50
Oranges, Navels .... 5.00 to 6.50

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SALES AT VANCOUVER

Vancouver, Dec. 30.—Sales this morning on the Vancouver Stock Exchange: 1,500 Independence at 9; 100 Premier at 193; 100 Dunwell at 110, 1,400 at 111, 100 at 112, 800 at 113, 900 at 115, 2,300 at 116; 2,500 British Petroleum at 9 5-8, 1,000 at 9 7-8; 3,000 Porter Idaho at 13 1-4; 1,500 Marmot at 10.

Wednesday afternoon sales: 3 B.C.E. at 103.50; 2,000 Porter-Idaho at 13¾; 400 Dunwell at 106, 500 at 107, 600 at 110, 300 at 111, 300 at 112, 800 at 113, 200 at 114; 1,000 Independence at 09, 200 at 9¼; 1,000 National Silver (G.S.) at 20½; 1,500 British Petroleum at 09½, 2,000 at 09¾.

METAL MARKETS

London, Dec. 30.—Standard copper, spot, £56 7s 6d; futures, £57 5s.
Electrolytic, spot, £63 10s; futures, £64.
Tin, spot, £301 12s 6d; futures, £296 7s 6d.
Lead, spot, £28 17s 6d; futures, £29 2s 6d.
Zinc, spot and futures, £32 15s.

New York, Dec. 30.—Copper closed quiet; electrolytic, spot and futures, 13¾.
Tin firmer; spot and nearby, 67.25; February, 66.75.
Iron steady; unchanged.
Lead steady; spot, 7.85.
Zinc easy; East St. Louis spot and futures, 7.00.
Antimony—Spot, 12.87.

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Jan.	12.74	12.77	12.66	12.77
March	12.94	12.96	12.86	12.95
May	13.14	13.15	13.04	13.14
July	13.27	13.30	13.00	13.29
Oct.	13.41	13.45	13.35	13.44

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JAMES L. FORDE

NOTICE is hereby given that all persons having any claims against the late James L. Forde (formerly of St. Joseph's Hospital), who died on the fourth day of December, 1926, are required to send by post prepaid and registered to the undersigned their names and addresses and full particulars of their claims.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that after the 25th day of January, 1927, the Executrix will proceed to distribute the assets of the said deceased among the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which she shall then have had notice, and she will not be liable for the said assets or any part thereof to any person of whose claim she shall not then have received notice.

Dated the 20th day of December, A.D. 1926.

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Retail Market

Revised December 29

Vegetables
Beets, 3 bunches for .... .10
Celery, stick .... .15
Potatoes, local, sack .... 1.65 and 1.95
Ashcroft Potatoes, sack 2.25
Netted Gem, sack 2.25
Tomatoes, local, per lb. .... .30
Green Tomatoes, 9 lbs. .... .25
Green Peppers, 2 lbs. .... .25
Sweet Potatoes, 3 lbs. .... .25
Cucumbers .... .05 and .10
Red Peppers, per lb. .... .25
Cauliflower .... .10, .15 and .25
Spanish Onions, 8 lbs. .... .25
Persimmons, 4 for .... .15
Mushrooms, lb. .... .85
Leeks bunch .... .05
Cranberries, lb. .... .25
Green Peas, lb. .... .25
Artichokes, Globe, each .... .20

Fruit
Apples, Okanagan—
McIntosh Reds, 3 lbs. .... .25
Winter Bananas, lb. .... .10
Jonathan, box 2.50
Delicious, box 3.25
Wagner, box 2.25
Northern Spy, box 2.00
Snow, box 2.75
Seedless Grapes, lb. .... .15
Florida Grapefruit, each .... .25 and .30
Bananas, dozen .... .60 and .50
Lemons, Cal., dozen .... .20, .30 and .35
Grapefruit, California, 3 for .... .25
New Oranges, dozen .... .60, .40, .30 .20
Dates, 2 lbs. .... .25
Local Pears, 5 lbs. .... .25
Malaga Grapes, per lb. .... .30
Tokay Grapes, lb. .... .35
Prunes, Okanagan, box .... .98
Citron, lb. .... .05
Pumpkin, lb. .... .04
Squash, Hubbard .... .04
Pomegranates .... 15 and .10
New California Figs, pkt. .10, .15; lb. .... .25
New Smyrna Figs, lb. .... .40
Spanish Cluster Raisins, box .... .60
California Cluster Raisins, box .... .30
Japanese Oranges, box .... .85
Cocoanuts, each .... .20
Rhubarb, lb. .... .15

Nuts
Almonds, per lb. .... .25
Walnuts, per lb. .... .20
California Soft Shell Walnuts, lb. .... .45
Brazils, new, per lb. .... .30
Roasted Peanuts, per lb. .... .15
Chestnuts, lb. .... .30
Local Filberts, per lb. .... .30

Dairy Produce and Eggs
Butter—
Alberta solids, lb. .... .50
Best Alberta cartons .... .55
Comox, lb. .... .55
V.I.M.P.A. .... .58
Cowichan Creamery, lb. .... .60
Salt Spring Island, lb. .... .58
Handipats, lb. .... .55
Our Own .... .55
New Zealand .... .55
Pure Lard, lb. .... .21
Eggs—
B.C. fresh extras .... .60
B.C. fresh, firsts .... .55
Pullets, extras .... .50

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B.C. Solids, lb. .... .30
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Edam Dutch Cheese, per lb. .... .40
Gouda Cheese, per lb. .... .45
Gorgonzola, per lb. .... .60
Swiss Gruyere, in portions, box .... .55
Swiss Gruyere, box .... .55
English Stilton, jar .... .90
English Stilton, lb. .... .60
English Stilton, lb. .... .85
Imported Roquefort, per lb. .... .65
Eagle Brand Camembert, box .... .60
Circle Brand Breakfast Cheese, two packages .... .75
Kraft, lb. .... .38
Golden Loaf .... .38

Fish
Bloaters, 2 lbs. .... .25
Cod Fillets, per lb. .... .22
Fresh Halibut, per lb. .... .25
Soles, lb. .... .15
Black Cod, fresh, per lb. .... .15
Skate, per lb. .... .12½
Cod, per lb. .... .15
Kippers, per lb. .... .15
Finnan Haddies, per lb. .... .20
Smoked Black Cod, per lb. .... .25
Whiting .... .15
Red Spring Salmon, per lb. .... .35
White Spring Salmon, per lb. .... .25
Smoked Salmon, per lb. .... .40
Fresh Hake, per lb. .... .10
Smoked Hake, per lb. .... .15

Shell Fish
Crabs .... .15, .20 to .25
Shrimps, per lb. .... .50
Esquimalt Oysters, per dozen .... .65
Olympia Oysters, per pint .... .90

Fresh Meats
Pork—
Trimmed loins, per lb. .... .40
Legs, per lb. .... .35
Shoulder roasts, per lb. .... .30
Pork Sausages, per lb. .... .35
No. 1 Beef—
Sirloin Steak, per lb. .... .35
Round Steak, per lb. .... .25
Pot Roasts, per lb. .... .12 and .18
Rump Roasts, per lb. .... .25
Spring Lamb—
Shoulders, per lb. .... .35
Legs, per lb. .... .40
Loins, full, per lb. .... .42
Rabbits, local, per lb. .... .35

Local Poultry
Turkeys—
6 to 8 lb. average, lb. .... .50
8 to 11 lb. average, lb. .... .53
11 to 13 lb. average, lb. .... .55
13 lb. and over, lb. .... .58
Geese, lb. .... .38
Ducks, lb. .... .42
Chicken, lb. .... .38 to .45
Fowl .... .30

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13 lb. and over, lb. .... .53
Geese, lb. .... .33
Ducks, lb. .... .38

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Feed Cornmeal	52.00	2.70
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THE MAN THE WOMEN LOVED

BY RUBY M. AYRES

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Isabel's tension relaxed and she closed her eyes.

It was Heffron's door opposite that had shut.

She sat for a long time, quite motionless, her lips set in a hard line, a shuttle of thought traveling rapidly to and fro in her mind.

This was her moment, a moment which after to-night could never come again. Was she brave enough to seize it, or did she mean to let it go?

Her hands clung to the arms of the chair for yet a moment longer then suddenly she rose. She turned out the lights in the room and opened the door.

CHAPTER XXXII

It was dark outside save for a dimly burning lamp far away at the end of the long corridor, and the silky lines of moonlight filtering through the high windows and barring the floor.

Isabel drew the door of her room noiselessly to behind her.

She felt like a sleepwalker as she crossed the little space between her room and the one which she knew was Heffron's, and yet her brain had never felt clearer or more awake. To-morrow would be too late. That was all she knew or cared, as she raised her hand and knocked softly on the panel.

There was a moment of silence, then she heard steps and Heffron opened the door. He was fully dressed, and though the lights were all on in the room, the long windows behind him stood wide open to the night.

"Patrick!"

Isabel whispered his name tremulously, and then as he did not move to touch her, she put out her hand, one loose sleeve falling back from her bare arm, and laid it on his shoulder.

"Patrick!"

She saw the color run in a swift flood to his face, saw a sudden leaping flame in his eyes, instantly subdued, and despairingly conscious already of defeat, she broke out passionately:

"Oh, I love you! I love you!"

"Isabel—for God's sake——"

He drew her hand roughly down from his shoulder, holding her by the wrist, and softly as he spoke lest anyone should hear, every word was like a knife-thrust in her heart.

"I'm not worthy—it's dear, sweet of you. I ask your pardon on my knees, but——"

"You don't want me?"

There was such an anguish of shame in her whisper and in her eyes, that Heffron's eyes fell before them, but his voice was steady when he answered.

"For the sake of the woman I love, no! Try to forgive me. Try to forgive me . . ."

That was all. Somehow she found herself back again in her room, alone in its darkness with the moonlit garden outside, and the coldness of despair at her heart. The moment of battle had come, and she had been defeated.

She sat down on the side of her bed in the darkness, shamed to her soul. She, who had always been so proud, to have humbled herself to this man, to have been refused! She wished she could die, she prayed that she might never see him again, and yet all the time in her heart was a hope — a weak, despairing hope which would not altogether die.

Once she raised her head, the tears wet on her face, and listened, and once she crept tremblingly to the door and looked out into the long corridor.

But it was deserted, and dark, save for the bars of moonlight falling from the high windows on to the floor below.

And somehow the long night wore away.

The soft-footed Arab servant who brought Heffron's coffee in the morning laid a letter down beside the tray before he salaamed and went noiselessly from the room.

Heffron glanced at the envelope with faint curiosity — it was very seldom any letter tracked him down in his wanderings — then his face changed as he saw it was written on the hotel notepaper, and he opened it hurriedly.

"I don't know why I am writing this to you" (it began abruptly in Isabel's firm writing), "perhaps because I can't sleep, or because there is moonlight out in the garden that has sent me a little mad, or perhaps because I care so much for you that I want to give you a chance, if only a very small one, of happiness.

"If you had wanted me ever so little last night I should never have told you what I am going to tell you now. I should have tried by every poor and perhaps dishonest means in my power, to keep you for myself, but as all that hope is gone I make you a present of the truth which I believe you half guess already, and it is that Mollie is more unhappy with John than you can ever know."

The truth which I belive you half guess already!

Heffron raised his eyes from the letter and stared blindly across the room, then with an effort he went on reading.

"This morning, after I saw, after I read in your eyes that Mollie is the woman of whom you once spoke to me, I told you a lot of things which were not true. You see, I had never dreamt that it was she. I never dreamt she was the kind of woman you would choose to love, and yet now I seen to understand perfectly why you do love her. Doesn't she know, Patrick, and, if so, why did she marry John?

"I told you this morning that they are quite happy and that she is devoted to him. It is not true. It is more true to say that they almost hate one another. It is he who is jealous of Mollie because little Pat loves her best, and it is John of whom Mollie is so afraid, and that is what makes me think he must sometimes be cruel to her. I have often seen her crying, and she will never tell me why."

"Oh, my God!"

Heffron was on his feet pacing the room. Mollie in tears! Mollie, whom he had pictured as happy and rich, being cruelly treated!

He went on reading.

"It was true when I told you that John has changed so that sometimes I hardly recognize him! You know how kind and generous he always was to Dorothy and to all of us. Well, he is quite different to Mollie. He seems to grudge her everything! It's not true that she has a car—it's not true that she has anything. I just told you that because I thought that if you believed she was well and happy—oh, you know what I thought! I wonder why I am telling you all this? I think it must be because until to-day I have never willingly done a mean thing to anyone, and it hurts me to remember what I said. I like Mollie—I told you I did—she's so brave and loyal, and I love you!

"That's nothing fresh to tell you, Patrick, I know. Many women have loved you, haven't they, and I am only one of a sad, foolish little crowd, but I am different from them perhaps in that I want you to be happy—even at the expense of my own brother's honor. And so I am writing this to tell you to go home. Go home and see for yourself!

"I think I am a little mad. I know that in the morning I shall be sorry for having written this and perhaps not send it. And so I am going to slip it under your door to-night and Mohammed will find it in the morning and give it to you with your coffee.

"I don't want to see you again. I want to forget you, and yet I suppose I shall never be able to. Oh, Patrick, I'm so ashamed of what I did last night, and yet—no, I'm not! I'm glad. But you don't care; it's nothing to you. And so—goodbye.

ISABEL"

CHAPTER XXXIII

It was a strange, incoherent letter, and yet its very incoherence lent the stamp of unmistakable sincerity and truth to every word.

Heffron read it through once again, then he struck a match and burnt it to ashes, grinding them to powder under his foot. He did not understand the sudden reaction that had driven Isabel to write such a letter—he hardly cared that it was her way of atoning for a moment in which she had allowed desire to kill her pride and sanity.

All that mattered to Heffron was the fact of Mollie's unhappiness.

Before nightfall he had left Cairo and was on his way to England.

The journey was one of many minor hindrances and annoyances. Rough weather delayed the boat at Naples, and a small mishap to the engine of the Paris train kept them standing for useless hours in a siding till another engine was set.

To be continued

BEDTIME STORY

Uncle Wiggily's Red Cakes

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By HOWARD R. GARIS

"Are you going to do anything special to-day, my dear?" asked Mrs. Longears of her rabbit gentleman husband one morning as he was about to hop away from the hollow stump bungalow.

"Nothing special," he answered. "I am going to look for an adventure, but I shall be pleased to have you come along and perhaps we may find two adventures—one for each of us."

"Oh, no! I didn't mean that!" said Mrs. Longears with a laugh. "But I wish you would stop at the bakery on your way home and bring some white cakes."

"White cakes?" asked Uncle Wiggily.

"For New Years," went on his wife. "That's Saturday, you know. On New Year's Day we shall have many callers who will wish us happiness for the year that is just beginning. I want to give them some little treat, and I think white cakes would be nice."

"So do I," said Uncle Wiggily. "I'll bring some."

Whistling a jolly tune, and wondering what sort of adventure he would have, the bunny gentleman hopped over the fields and through the woods, looking for adventures.

Now if he had only known it an adventure, just then, was getting ready to come to him. It was an adventure in the shape of the sly Weasel, who, though not a very large animal, can often catch a rabbit much bigger than himself.

"There goes Uncle Wiggily," said the Weasel in a whisper, as, from a little hill, he saw the bunny gentleman hopping along. "I'll get him!" said the Weasel.

Well might the Weasel say that, for he noticed that Uncle Wiggily was turning into a path that would bring the rabbit right past the place where the sly chap was hiding.

"When he gets here I'll jump out, grab him by the throat and then I'll have him," said the Weasel, whose name was Pop Goes. You have often heard him sung about, I dare say, like this:

"The Monkey chased the Cobbler's wife, all around the steeple. That's the way the money goes—Pop Goes the Weasel!"

Of course steeple and Weasel don't make a good rhyme, but I didn't make up the song so you can't blame me. No, I don't know why the Monkey chased the Cobbler's wife, either.

Well, anyhow, Uncle Wiggily was coming along the path that would bring him right past where Pop Goes the Weasel, was hiding, when, all of a sudden, the bunny thought of what his wife had asked him to get.

"White cakes!" he exclaimed. "Here's the bakery. I'll get them."

But when he asked the bakery cat about white cakes, the bakery cat said:

"Red cakes I can give you, or blue cakes, but I am all out of white cakes. Better try the red, they're just as good."

"I will," said Uncle Wiggily, so he bought a bag of bright red cakes, which the baker cat put in the rabbit gentleman's pocket.

"If your paws get cold," mewed the bakery cat with a smile, "just put your paws in the pocket where the red cakes are and you'll get warm."

"How come?" asked Uncle Wiggily.

"The cakes are red, like fire," said the bakery cat.

"Ha! Ha!" laughed Uncle Wiggily, little thinking how soon those red cakes were to do him a favor. Along the bunny hopped until, all of a sudden, he came to the place where the Weasel was hiding. Out jumped Pop Goes, stretching his long, thin neck and aiming for Uncle Wiggily's throat.

"What do you want?" gasped the rabbit gentleman.

"You'll soon find out," snarled the Weasel.

Just then he was so close to Mr. Longears, the bad chap was, that he could look into the pocket that held the red cakes. Bright and glowing red they were, like the embers of the fireplace. The Weasel looked at them, stopped short and cried:

"A trick! A trick. You have a lot of red hot coals in your pocket! A trick! You are going to try to burn me! But you shan't! I'm going to run away!"

"Run away as fast as you like!" cried Uncle Wiggily. "I won't stop you!" And the bad chap ran, muttering to himself:

"It's mighty lucky I saw those red hot coals in Uncle Wiggily's coat pocket before I jumped on him! I might have burned myself severely! I wonder how he knew I was coming and had the coals ready for me? I wonder?" And later, when the Fox told the Weasel he had run away from red cakes, oh, that bad chap was so angry as never was! But if the feather duster will let the huckleberry pie sleep in the rag doll's bed I'll tell you next about Uncle Wiggily's blue cakes.

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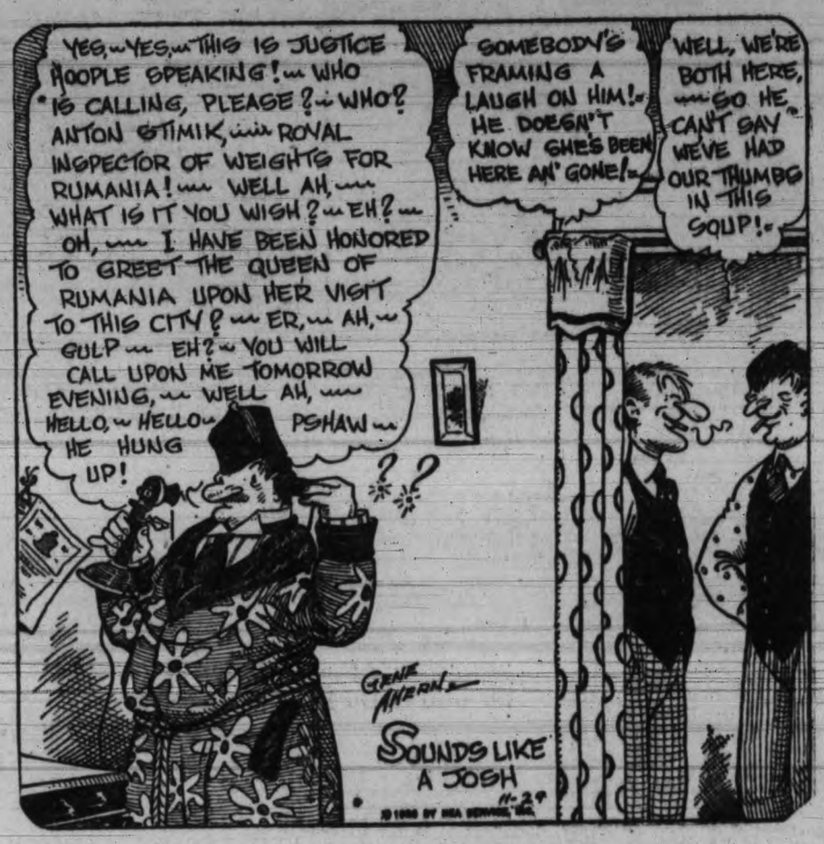

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Plans and forms of contract can be seen and specification and forms of tender obtained at this Department, at the offices of the District Engineers, Post Office Building, Victoria, B.C.; Equity Building, Toronto, Ont.; Postal Station "H," Montreal, Que.; also at the Post Offices, Hamilton, Ont., and Vancouver, B.C.

Tenders will not be considered unless made on printed forms supplied by the Department and in accordance with the conditions contained therein.

Each tender must be accompanied by an accepted cheque on a chartered bank payable to the order of the Minister of Public Works, equal to ten per cent. of the amount of the tender. Bonds of the Dominion of Canada or bonds of the Canadian National Railway Company will also be accepted as security, or bonds and a cheque if required to make up an odd amount.

NOTE.—Blue prints can be obtained at this Department by depositing an accepted cheque for the sum of $10.00, payable to the order of the Minister of Public Works, which will be returned if the intending bidder submit a regular bid.

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Department of Public Works,
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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1926

This should be a fairly fortunate day, since the Sun in benefic aspect dominates in its influence on the planet Earth.

It is a day most auspicious for big ambitions and for the first steps in realizing them.

While this rule prevails there is good luck in association with prosperous men and with all who possess power in any form.

Promoters and those who have far-reaching visions are subject to the best direction of the stars to-day, which enables those who have dreams to face the new year hopefully and even enthusiastically.

There is to be culmination of many far-reaching plans for the good of the nation in the year 1927.

Unity of purpose that cements the interests of the states will be more apparent than in previous years.

One of the prophesies for the new year predicts for women a new adjustment in which they will stabilize their public interests and settle into the right channels of activity.

Wives and daughters are to become financiers who are able to administer large amounts of money, but they are to stress the importance of home life.

After a period in which there has been much reckless love-making romance is to have a renewed reign, the seers prophesy.

Although there will be violent convulsions of nature in 1927 and disasters more appaling than have marked this closing year, the next twelve months will bring many marvelous benefits to the people of the United States, astrologers predict.

Inventions which will affect transportation, motion pictures and the preparation of food are foretold.

Dress is to take on a peculiar significance, owing to some sort of a manufacturing crisis, if the stars are read aright.

Persons whose birthdate it is are to write "finis" to many interests and to face life with changed ideals and high ambitions. There may be many money troubles, but they will be solved most satisfactorily.

Children born on this day will lead active, restless lives. Many will find happiness in travel and invention.

SEPARATE sealed tenders addressed to the undersigned and endorsed "Tender for Chinese Leper Huts, Bentinck Island, B.C.," or "Tender for Assistant Caretaker's Cottage, Bentinck Island, B.C.," as the case may be, will be received until 12 o'clock noon, Tuesday, January 4, 1927, for the construction of three Chinese Leper Huts and one Assistant Caretaker's Cottage for the Lazaretto at Bentinck Island, B.C.

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Tenders will not be considered unless made on the forms supplied by the Department and in accordance with the conditions set forth therein.

Each tender must be accompanied by an accepted cheque on a chartered bank, payable to the order of the Minister of Public Works, equal to 10 per cent. of the amount of the tender. Bonds of the Dominion of Canada or bonds of the Canadian National Railway Company will also be accepted as security, or bonds and a cheque if required to make up an odd amount.

By order,
S. E. O'BRIEN,
Secretary.
Department of Public Works,
Ottawa, December 1, 1926.

NOTICE REGARDING MALAHAT DRIVE

The Malahat Drive will be open to vehicular traffic on and after Friday, December 24. Motorists should exercise care near the Summit.

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Victoria, B.C., Dec. 22, 1926.

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INDIA ELIMINATES FAMINE NIGHTMARE

Irrigation Works and Railroads Have Changed Conditions

Ottawa, Dec. 30.—"The nightmare of facinein India, which previously caused millions of deaths annually, has been completely dispelled," Frederick Palmer, president of the British Institution of Civil Engineers, told members of the Ottawa branch of the Engineering Institution of Canada at luncheon yesterday. He said the building of irrigation works throughout the country and networks of railroads had altered the famine scare for all time.

FROM REAL LIFE

New York, Dec. 30.—Movie farce plot from real life: Scene: Fur shop of Joseph Roller and Sons; time—midnight; both partners working overtime; keen detectives, passing, see light and vision burglars; rap on door and themselves taken for thieves; members of firm turn in every alarm in sight including police, fire, burglar protection and ambulance calls. Tableau.

LAND REGISTRY ACT

In the Matter of Lot Nineteen Hundred and Thirty-nine (1939), Victoria City.

Proof having been filed in my office of the loss of Certificate of Title No. 17097-C to the above mentioned land in the name of Jane Franklin and bearing date the 8th day of February, 1908, I hereby give notice of my intention at the expiration of one calendar month from the first publication hereof to issue a provisional Certificate of Title in lieu of such lost Certificate. Any person having any information with reference to such lost Certificate of Title is requested to communicate with the undersigned.

Dated at the Land Registry Office, Victoria, B.C., this 30th day of November, 1926.

H. J. CRANE,
Registrar,
Victoria Land Registration District.

ON THE AIR

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 30

CFCT (329.5) Victoria, B.C.
7.30 p.m.—West Coast information service.

CFDC (411) Vancouver, B.C.
4.30-5.30 p.m.—Georgian trio.
6.0-6.15 p.m.—Time signals.
6.30-7 p.m.—Studio programme.
10.30-11.30 p.m.—Studio programme.

CFYC (410.7) Vancouver, B.C.
7-8.30 p.m.—Bible questions and answers; Bible talk; lecture and musical programme.

CJOR (291) Vancouver, B.C.
6-7.30 p.m.—Dinner programme.

CNRC (435.8) Calgary, Alta.
6 p.m.—Bedtime story by Aunt Mary.
8.30 p.m.—Studio programme.

CNRV (291) Vancouver, B.C.
10-11 p.m.—Cabaret Belmont orchestra.

KFAU (260) Boise, Idaho
7.30-9 p.m.—Children's hour, programme by High School "Pep Hounds."

KFOA (454.3) Seattle, Wash.
4.30-5 p.m.—Times "Afternoons at Home."
6.25-6.45 p.m.—Sports revue.
6.45-7.45 p.m.—All Star studio programme.
7.45-8.15 p.m.—Diamond Briquette Twins.
8.15-8.30 p.m.—Automobile Club of Washington.
8.30-9.30 p.m.—Cheasty's Native Hawaiian Entertainers.
9.30-10.30 p.m.—String orchestra and the Harmony Girls.

KFON (232.4) Long Beach, Cal.
5-6 p.m.—KFON concert orchestra.
6-6.20 p.m.—Organ recital.
6.20-7 p.m.—KFON concert orchestra.
7 p.m.—Courtesy programme.
8 p.m.—Long Beach Municipal Band.
8 p.m.—Shell Oil Co.'s orchestra.
10-11 p.m.—Capital Theatre organ.

KFWB (252) Hollywood, Cal.
6-7 p.m.—Ray Bailey's trio.
8.10 p.m.—Doughboys and assisting artists.
9.10 p.m.—Orchestra and soloists.
10.10-11 p.m.—Warner Bros.' frolic.

KFWI (256) San Francisco, Cal.
6-7.30 p.m.—Orchestra.
8-8.30 p.m.—Popular ballads.
8.30-10 p.m.—Studio programme.
10-11 p.m.—Orchestra.
11-12 p.m.—Paul Kelly's Il Trovatore orchestra.

KGO (361.2) Oakland, Cal.
5-6 p.m.—George W. Ludlow, "Friend to Boys."
6-6.55 p.m.—Bem's Litti eSymphony orchestra.
6.55-7.30 p.m.—News, weather, stocks.
8-9 p.m.—KGO Little Symphony orchestra.
9-12 p.m.—Phil Lampkin's Musical Bears.

KGW (491.5) Portland, Ore.
6-7 p.m.—Dinner concert.
7.30-7.45 p.m.—Weather forecast.
7.45-8 p.m.—Lecture by the Catholic Truth Society of Oregon.
8-10 p.m.—Vaudeville entertainment.

KHJ (405.2) Los Angeles, Cal.
6.30-7.30 p.m.—Children's programme.
7.45 p.m.—Care of the body talk by Dr. Lovell.
8-10 p.m.—Studio programme.
10-11 p.m.—Dance music programme.

KHQ (394.5) Spokane, Wash.
5-6 p.m.—Service hour.
6.30 p.m.—Children's hour.
7-7.15 p.m.—Santa Claus.
7.30-9.30 p.m.—Stewart-Warner Symphony orchestra.
10-12 p.m.—Dance music.

KJR (384.4) Seattle, Wash.
5.40 p.m.—Stock quotations.
6-6.30 p.m.—Time signals, weather reports.
7-7.30 p.m.—Mr. Philip Tindall.
8.30-10 p.m.—Puget Sound Savings studio programme.
10 p.m.—Time signals.
10-10.30 p.m.—Musical programme.

KNX (337) Hollywood, Cal.
6.30 p.m.—Atwater-Kent orchestra.
7 p.m.—Courtesy programme.
8 p.m.—Courtesy programme.
9 p.m.—Courtesy programme.
10 p.m.—Feature programme.
11 p.m.—Abe Lyman's Cocoanut Grove orchestra.

KOIN (319) Portland, Ore.
6-7 p.m.—Dinner concert.
8-10 p.m.—Studio programme.
10-12 p.m.—Tom Gerunovich and his orchestra.

KOMO (365.9) Seattle, Wash.
7.45-8 p.m.—Town topics.
8-8.30 p.m.—Poultrymen's half hour.

KOWW (285) Walla Walla, Wash.
7-8 p.m.—Service hour.
10 p.m.—Croxdale Serenaders.
11-12 p.m.—American Theatre organ recital by Carl Gensel and Jack Wright.

KPO (428.3) San Francisco, Cal.
6.30 p.m.—States Restaurant orchestra.
7-7.30 p.m.—Rudy Seiger's orchestra.
8 p.m.—Courtesy programme, featuring the KPO string quartette.
9-12 p.m.—Christmas programme featuring well-known KPO artists.

KQW (333) San Jose, Cal.
6.15-8 p.m.—Farm flashes, farmers' exchange, weather and market reports, mail bag and farm topics.

KTBI (294) Los Angeles, Cal.
7.15-8 p.m.—Aunt Martha's children's hour.
8-8.30 p.m.—Biblical impersonations.
8.30-9.30 p.m.—Musical programme, vocal and instrumental numbers.

KFI (467) Los Angeles, Cal.
7-8 p.m.—Programme by students of U.S.C.
8-9 p.m.—KFI drama hour.
9-10 p.m.—Varied hour.
10-11 p.m.—Johnston and Farrell's music box revue.

WEAF (491.5) New York, N.Y.
6 p.m.—Dinner music.
7 p.m.—Mid-week hymn sing.
7.30 p.m.—Famous characters in literature, WOC.
8 p.m.—Coward Comfort hour.
8.30 p.m.—Schickerling quartette.
9 p.m.—Cliequot Club Eskimos.
10 p.m.—Goodrich Zippers.
11 p.m.—Vincent Lopez and his orchestra from Casa Lopez.

WGY (379.5) Schenectady, N.Y.
6.30 p.m.—Ten Eyck Hotel.
7.45 p.m.—Syracuse University.
9 p.m.—WJZ.
10-11.30 p.m.—Programme.
11.30 p.m.—Organ.

WDAF (365.6) Kansas City, Mo.
6-7 p.m.—School of the air.
11.45-1 a.m.—Nighthawk frolic.

WEBH (370.2) Chicago, Ill.
7-8 p.m.—Uptown Theatre.
8.30-11 p.m.—Musicale.

WENR (265.3) Chicago, Ill.
6-7 p.m.—Rauland trio.
8-10 p.m.—All-American Pioneers, Vin Lindhe.

WFAA (475.9) Dallas, Texas
6.30-7.30 p.m.—Baker Hotel orchestra.
8.30-9.30 p.m.—Concert.

WGN (302.8) Chicago, Ill.
6.45-7 p.m.—Request programme, Drake concert ensemble; Blackstone string quartette.
8-10 p.m.—WEAF.
10 p.m.—Sam 'n' Henry.
10.10 p.m.—The Music Box.
10.20 p.m.—Mark Love, bass; Bobby Meeker's Drake Hotel orchestra.
10.40-11 p.m.—Songs, Correll and Gosden.

WHO (526) Des Moines, Iowa
7.30-8 p.m.—Philbreck's Younker tearoom orchestra.
8-9 p.m.—Bankers' Life trio.
11-12 p.m.—Dance programme.

WHT (399.8) Chicago, Ill.
6 p.m.—Al Carney, organist, violin.
7.45 p.m. (222) Orchestra, songs.
9.30 p.m. (399.8)—Billy A. Huff, songs.
10 p.m.—Quartette.
12 p.m.—Al and Pat.

WIBO (225.4) Chicago, Ill.
6-8 p.m.—Dinner concert.
12-2 a.m.—Aragon minstrels.

KYW (535.4) Chicago, Ill.
6.30 p.m.—Joska DeBabary and his orchestra.
7 p.m.—Family hour.
8 p.m.—"Twenty Minutes of Good Reading," Rev. C. J. Pernin.
9-10.30 p.m.—Classical concert.
10.30-12 p.m.—Congress carnival.

WBAP (475.9) Fort Worth, Texas
7.30-8.30 p.m.—Musicale.
9.30-11 p.m.—Davis Baking Powder saxophone octette.
11-12 p.m.—Frolic.

CKY (384.4) Winnipeg, Can.
8.30-9 p.m.—Studio programme.
9-10 p.m.—J. A. Banfield Company's concert.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31

CFCT (329.5) Victoria, B.C.
8-8.30 a.m.—Opening stock quotations from B.C. Bond Corporation.

INTELLIGENCE TEST

All of the questions of this test are concerned with some probem or volue of arithmetic The correct answers can be found printed here tomorrow:

1—What's the value of PI?
2—What's two-thirds of 12?
3—What is the measure, in feet, of a fathom?
4—What is the cube root of 27?
5—Is a millimeter longer or shorter than a meter?
6—What is the square of six?
7—What does 4 times 9 equal?
8—How many degrees are there in a right-angled triangle?
9—What is 100 divided by the square of five?
10—Are the two short sides of an obtuse triangle together longer than the one long side?

WELL IS ICEBOX

Seattle, Dec. 30.—Water from a bore into a glacial stream is to chill the air in a new theatre here next Summer An artesian well hase been bored for 500 feet to obtain the coolest temperature. In most parts of the country, the deeper the artesian well the warmer the water.

PRISONERS HELP

Yakima, Wash., Dec. 30.—Prisoners held in the city jail were released here recently to help in the apple harvest because of the shortage of experienced apple pickers. Business men, ministers, boys and girls helped in the orchards.

Bobbing the hair, and skirts more than six inches from the ground are banned by the divisional officer of the Salvation Army in West Hartlepool, England.

BOOTS AND HER BUDDIES —But to the Point —By MARTIN

THE TINYMITES

BY HAL COCHRAN

(READ THE STORY, THEN COLOR THE PICTURE)

Said Scouty, when the crowd was through with eating fish. "What can we do? Can't someone think of games to play out in this wondrous snow?" Then Clowny smiled and looked around. "Well, say I'd like to sit right down. I'm stuffed with food. How tired I am you simply cannot know."

"Oh you're just lazy," Coppy cried. Then sneaped right up to Clowny's side and tripped the little fellow 'till he fell head over heels. "Ah there you are," he said. "Sit down, the snow won't hurt a funny clown. Just scramble 'round on top of it and see just how it feels."

Poor Clowny rose, a 'snowy sight, and challenged Coppy to a fight, but all the others gathered 'round and kept them from a fuss. Said Scouty, "When all's said and done, 'tis best to take such pranks in fun. Why don't you two be sensible like all the rest of us?"

Thus 'twas agreed they would not fight. Then Carpy yelled, with all his might, "Oh, I've a good idea. Now, don't anyone say no. Let's all roll snow balls up real big, and, quick, as we can dance a jig, we'll pile them on each other 'till we've built a house of snow."

The whole crowd gladly lent a hand. They worked and worked to beat the band, and all around the hillside little balls of snow were made. The Tinymites all knew their stuff and, as each ball was big enough, 'twas pushed up to the snow-house spot, and that's right where it stayed.

They worked for several hours or more. Just guess what they were working for. Why they decided they must have a place to sleep at night. And, when at last they stopped their fun, the wondrous big snowhouse was done, and all the Tinymites agreed their shelter looked all right.

(The Tinymites make a snow man in the next story.)

(Coupright, 1926)

MUTT AND JEFF — The System Seemed So Silly to Jeff

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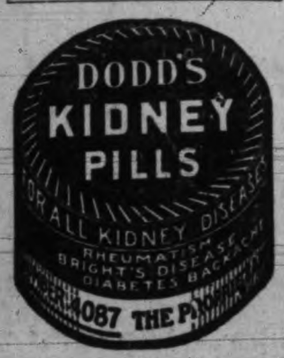
A. B. FALL IMPROVING

El Paso, Texas, Dec. 30 (Associated Press)—Former Secretary of the Interior A. B. Fall, ill with pneumonia, at his home here, was reported as slightly improved late today by his doctor, H. T. Safford.



FEARS EXPRESSED ON CONSOLIDATION BILL OF B.C. ELECTRIC RY.

Vancouver, Dec. 30.—Many fears was expressed in regard to the consolidation bill which the B.C. Electric Railway Company is promoting before the Legislature when the representatives of lower mainland municipalities met at the New Westminster City Hall Wednesday afternoon, but no finality was reached in the committees deliberations. It was decided to adjourn until H. B. Robertson, K.C., the company's counsel in charge of the bill, is able to meet the committee and explain some of the features which puzzle the municipal representatives.

The sub-committee which has been examining the bill in detail made only one recommendation in its report, that was that an additional clause added requiring the company to obtain consent of the municipalities before entering and disturbing its streets for the purpose of installing utilities of any kind. The meeting did not act on the report.

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B.C. BOYS REJECT PARTY SYSTEM IN PARLIAMENT HERE

Assembly Turns Down Opposition Proposal by Emphatic Majority Vote

Legislation Passed to Aid Progress of Boys' Work All Over Province

Proposed introduction of the party system into the Older Boys' Parliament of British Columbia was rejected by an overwhelming majority by that assembly last night. The scheme received small support after leading members had denounced it as likely to mitigate against the effectiveness of the Parliament and to introduce undesirable conditions into it.

The party system idea was sponsored by the Opposition in the House, but met with immediate hostility. Leading members contended that it was not practicable, and that it would cause the wastage of much time in purely partisan debates.

The Parliament was warned by Gordon Lapp, former premier of the Ontario Boys' Parliament, not to adopt the party plan. In a letter to the British Columbia assembly he said that with party methods in use members were inclined to regard the Parliament as a kind of debating society and, as a result, its work suffered.

Premier Rodgers Foote strongly opposed the party system, and when a division was called only half a dozen members supported the Opposition's proposal.

IMPORTANT LEGISLATION

Important legislation introduced last night included the "British Columbia Recognition Act." This is designed to insure that all groups carry out a proper programme of work. It provides that recognition shall be granted to new groups after they have complied with the conditions laid down by the National Boys' Work Board, and after they have furnished a detail account of four meetings.

Recognition will be given to older groups after they have complied with the conditions for new groups and have sent in a brief record of the work of the previous year. Under the terms of the bill recognition of all groups granted before September 1 of any year will be suspended on November 1 of the same year, and extended again after the necessary conditions have been observed.

PIONEER WORK

Another important piece of legislation is the Pioneer Programme Extension bill, which will provide for the extension of the fourfold programme to boys in isolated settlements. This bill was given its first and second reading.

Raising of the standard of district boys' camps is the object of another bill, which was given its final reading. The bill fixes the standards which a camp must observe before it can be classed as "approved."

First reading was given the "Community Service Act," a bill to implement closer inter-group co-operation and closer affiliation between groups within the same electoral district. The measure provides for the establishment of Tuxis Boys' Councils, Trail Ranger Councils and Community Boys' Councils.

A great deal of business was transacted by the Parliament during the evening session. Among other things it was decided to issue badges to all boys who have attended the Parliament, to establish a leadership training camp in the interior as well as on the Coast; to issue badges to those proficient in boxing; to appoint press agents to secure wider publicity for boys' works, and to observe the second week in February, 1927, as Father and Son Week. Arrangements were made whereby members will give full accounts of the Parliament's proceedings to their electors.

While the British Columbia Parliament was busy here the Manitoba Boys' Parliament, in session in Winnipeg, passed a resolution urging that a Dominion conference of Boys' Parliaments be held in Christmas week of next year. The British Columbia assembly will be asked to endorse this proposal. Winnipeg is suggested as a place of meeting.

T.B. VETERANS MOVE FOR PENSION RIGHTS

Adopt Agenda to be Discussed By Conference of Fifteen Tubercular Posts

That permanent pensions be established was the leading measure on an agenda adopted by the Tubercular Post of the B.E.S.L. at a general meeting last night in the clubrooms. This agenda will be submitted to the delegates representing fifteen posts of the tuberculous section of the B.E.S.L. who will sit in conference for two days prior to the convention of the whole Canadian Legion.

Another important item included in the agenda is the right of appeal before the Federal Appeal Board against pension assessment. An appeal for free dental treatment and provision by the D.S.C.R. of glasses for impaired vision of certain pensioners is also embodied. These will form subjects of discussion at the Canadian Legion Convention in Winnipeg. Comrade Laycock will represent the post at the convention.

After discussion the meeting agreed that, in the case of ex-officers in distress, no discrimination should be shown against them in so far as relief from the Canteen funds is concerned.

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TORIES PREPARING FOR HOUSE SESSION

Tolmie to Meet Conservative Executive and Members in Vancouver, January 8

Conservative members of the Provincial Legislature will meet their leader, Hon. S. F. Tolmie, and the executive of the B.C. Conservative Association in Vancouver on January 8 to arrange for the forthcoming session of the House. Arrangements for this meeting were made by Dr. Tolmie in Vancouver yesterday.

In an address to the B.C. Products Bureau of the Vancouver Board of Trade Dr. Tolmie urged British Columbians to buy the products of their own Province, or of Canada or at least of the British Empire.

B.C. PRODUCTS URGED

Illustrating the commercial importance of the Province in relation to the Dominion, the speaker recalled that in the last year British Columbia produced forty-one per cent of all the timber cut and forty-six per cent of all the fish caught for commercial purposes. British Columbia mines, he added, produced $61,000,000 in that year and agriculture $65,000,000.

"Furthermore," he said, "British Columbia possesses advantages not enjoyed by many other provinces." Referring to the excellent climate which enabled farmers to work in the fields all the year around, he spoke of wide open seaports unaffected by Winter conditions, and magnificent scenery.

The Panama Canal, he said, was another great advantage in the development of trade through British Columbia ports. Again, relative proximity to the Orient gave boundless opportunity for trade development.

When one realized, he continued, that British Columbia had a population of not more than 600,000 persons, it became apparent what great opportunity for development existed west of the Rocky Mountains.

Regarding the development of natural resources, Dr. Tolmie urged that care be taken to set aside sufficient revenue derived from these sources to gradually wipe out the public debt. Otherwise, he said, the day will come when our resources are nearing exhaustion and the burden of our debt will spell ruin for all.

"We must also get full value for Canadian out of our national assets," he continued. "Those cases, and they are all too many, where we ship raw materials to be fully manufactured in the United States, are indications that we are still in the stage where we 'kill the buffalo for its hide.' Manufacture of our natural resources to the highest stage possible should be the basis of our development policy."

GET WAGE INCREASE

Toronto, Dec. 30.—Bricklayers and stonemasons in Toronto have received an increase in wages of $1 a day for a period commencing May 1, 1927, and ending December 31, 1928. The new rate is $1.25 an hour for an eight-hour day. The union of bricklayers as a result of the agreement receives the highest rate of local trade unions.

RECKLESS AUTOISTS IN SEATTLE MAY NOT BE ALLOWED TO DRIVE

Seattle, Dec. 30.—A campaign to permanently cancel licenses of habitually reckless automobile drivers was announced here to-day by King County Prosecutor Colvin.

Police had notified him that Robert D. Heffernan, son of J. T. Heffernon, Seattle capitalist, accused of fleeing after hitting a pedestrian here Sunday, disappeared from a hospital to which he was taken from injuries.

Colvin, who said he was informed that Heffernan was involved in an accident in which a seven-year-old boy was killed here July 31, 1924, declared that he will "come down with both feet" on the capitalist's son and on eleven other persons who have figured in repeated automobile mishaps.

DIVORCE CENTRES ON TALE OF A SHIRT

Sopkane, Dec. 30.—Asserting that her husband failed to acknowledge the gift of a silk shirt for Christmas, Mrs. Pearl Fabro has filed suit for divorce from Thomas Fabro in Superior Court. Mrs. Fabro says her husband not only failed to thank her but did not speak to her all day. She charges cruelty and cites the incident as evidence that she is entitled to a divorce.

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These bonds are payable in French money (francs), just as Canadian municipal and American municipal bonds are payable in Canadian money (dollars) and American money (dollars).

French money (francs) because of the conditions arising out of the great war, is cheap in terms of Canadian or American money. Hence these City of Paris bonds are also cheap in terms of dollars.

Before the war French Government or Municipal Bonds were quoted at par. The French investor paid 10,000 francs for a 10,000-franc bond.

Before the war French money or French francs were worth their full gold value. The par value of the French franc is 19.3 cents in terms of Canadian or American money. Consequently before the war 10,000 French francs were worth $1,930.00 in a dollar currency.

Today the French franc is considerably below par. It is worth around 4 cents. Consequently 10,000 French francs are worth around $400.00 in a dollar currency today. A few months ago the franc was worth only 1.93 cents; then 10,000 francs were worth only $193.00. But the franc is recovering rapidly. Its value is increasing. It is becoming dearer in terms of a dollar currency.

The total amount of the City of Paris 5% loan of 1919, the bonds of which we recommend to far-sighted investors, was issued in denominations of 500 francs. In other words all the bonds that make up the Loan are 500-franc bonds.

City of Paris bonds are not quoted at par at the present time. Therefore to buy 10,000 francs i.e. twenty 500-franc bonds, in the 5% Loan of 1919 the investor does not have to pay the exchange value of 10,000 francs French money.

In the same manner as Canadian and American Government securities were a few years ago quoted below par, these Paris bonds are now selling below par in Paris. Not long ago a Canadian Government Victory bond was quoted at 92%. In other words a $1000-bond could be bought for $920.00.

Paris bonds are selling around 70% of their par value. A 500-franc bond costs about 350 francs. Twenty 500-franc bonds or a unit of 10,000 francs therefore costs 7,000 francs.

At the present time we are selling City of Paris 5% bonds of 1919 at the rate of $14.00 per 500-franc bond. The price of twenty 500-franc bonds is therefore $280.00.

These bonds are expected to go to par in terms of francs before very long owing to the increasing demand. In that event twenty 500-franc bonds will have the same value as 10,000 francs French money.

The franc should sell at 5 cents within the near future. The value of 10,000 francs French money will then be $500.00. Every investment of $280.00 in Paris bonds made today will show a net profit of $220.00.

From 5 cents per franc to 10 cents per franc will be a natural step. The value of 10,000 francs will then be $1,000.00. Twenty 500-franc City of Paris bonds will be worth $1,000.00. Today the same number of bonds may be bought for $280.00. Every investment made today will show a net profit of $720.00 when the franc is at 10 cents.

At 15 cents per franc the value of a 500-franc Paris bond quoted at par will be $75.00. Twenty 500-franc bonds will be worth $1,500.00. Today twenty 500-franc bonds can be bought for $280.00, and this investment will therefore show a net profit of $1,320.00 when the franc is worth 15 cents.

When the franc is again at par it will be worth 19.3 cents, consequently every 500-franc Paris bond quoted at par (500 francs per 500-franc bond) will be worth $96.50. Every investment made at the present price will have increased in value by $82.50.

City of Paris 5% bonds are gilt-edge municipal securities, *legal investments for trust funds and savings banks in France* just as City of Toronto and City of Montreal bonds in Canada, and City of New York and City of Chicago bonds in the United States, are legal investments for trust funds and savings banks.

Listed on the principal stock exchanges in France and traded in throughout the financial centres of the world, City of Paris bonds always find a ready market. They can be sold again instantly for spot cash at any time through our house.

We recommend City of Paris 5% bonds not only for the opportunities for profits which they present, but also because of the attractive interest income they return. This interest is paid by means of coupons which can be cashed at any bank in the world at the prevailing rate of exchange.

Every twenty 500-franc bonds (10,000 francs) of the City of Paris 5% Loan return an interest income of 500 francs per annum. This interest is paid semi-annually, 250 francs on February 1st and 250 francs on August 1st.

As the value of the franc rises these interest coupons also increase in value, thus giving investors a larger yield on the original investment.

The interest coupons can be converted into American or Canadian money at any bank in North America. We cash interest coupons for clients without charge.

Another exceptionally attractive feature of these bonds is the provision for the payment of various bonuses at the drawings which take place six times a year until the loan has been completely redeemed (1980).

Those who have their bonds redeemed with any of the major bonuses will find themselves made comparatively wealthy through their investment of a few dollars today. These bonuses are fully described elsewhere.

That the French franc will return to its old gold value of 19.3 cents or $1,930.00 per 10,000 francs is the contention of many of France's most prominent statesmen and financiers. An ex-premier has said: "The franc will improve slowly but surely like the wine of our country."

France is now pursuing a policy of deflation which can have only one result: a rising exchange rate.

The recuperative powers of the French people were well established after the Franco-Prussian war. Although burdened with huge indemnities France quickly put her financial house in order and paid off all her obligations.

French Government bonds which had depreciated to 7% of their normal value during the period of depression, rapidly recovered their losses and soared above par. *They will do the same again.*

The record of the exchanges of other countries in recent years substantiates the belief that great nations always recover from the economic and financial depression caused by a war.

we were to consider the Canadian twenty-five cent piece as the country's monetary unit, as has been done with the English shilling in the above illustrations, then we may say that the value of 10,000 Canadian twenty-five pieces has increased by $375.00 since the Armistice.

The Swiss franc, the English pound, the Swedish krone, the Dutch guilder and the Danish krone have risen to par. The Spanish peseta, the Japanese yen and the Norwegian krone are quoted so close to par as to make a purchase of them unattractive now.

It will be admitted that France's losses in the late war were greater than those of any of the countries mentioned above, consequently the recovery of her money is taking longer, but there can be no doubt that 10,000 French francs will again be worth $1,930.00.

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MANY OTHER BIG BONUSES ARE PAID

TWICE A YEAR a portion of the City of Paris 5% Loan of 1919 is drawn for redemption at par, i.e. 500 francs per 500-franc bond.

Six times a year (February 22, April 22, June 22, August 22, October 22, December 22) a portion of this Loan is drawn for redemption with bonuses.

The table illustrates the bonuses paid every year. The figures at the left indicate the amount of 500-franc bonds and those at the right the number of francs which will be paid on each.

1 Bond will be redeemed at	1,000,000 francs.
5 Bonds will be redeemed at	200,000 francs each.
6 Bonds will be redeemed at	100,000 francs each.
9 Bonds will be redeemed at	50,000 francs each.
24 Bonds will be redeemed at	10,000 francs each.
36 Bonds will be redeemed at	5,000 francs each.
2,490 Bonds will be redeemed at	1,000 francs each.

Every bond is numbered, and after each drawing takes place a list of bonds drawn to receive bonuses is published. We keep a record of all bonds sold by us, and in the event of a client's bond being drawn, he is immediately advised.

The fortune-making possibilities in Paris Bonds, because of their bonus feature require little comment. With the franc at only 5 cents the value of the 1,000,000-franc bonus would be $50,000.00. Yet a 500-franc bond which could receive this bonus can be purchased today for $14.00.

Since the Armistice the following recoveries in the value of various exchanges have taken place:

The value of 10,000 Spanish pesetas has increased by $409.00.

The value of 10,000 Swiss francs has increased by $430.00

The value of 10,000 English shillings has increased by $760.00.

The value of 10,000 Swedish krone has increased by $915.00.

The value of 10,000 Dutch guilders has increased by $1,020.00.

The value of 10,000 Japanese yen has increased by $1,150.00.

The value of 10,000 Argentine pesos has increased by $1,250.00.

The value of 10,000 Danish krone has increased by $1,300.00.

The value of 10,000 Norwegian krone has increased by $1,405.00.

Even Canadian dollars suffered a fairly severe depreciation after the war. If, for the purpose of illustration,

During recent months the French Government has instituted drastic deflationary measures. The floating debt is being consolidated. Notes in circulation are being consistently reduced. The State is making heavy repayments to the Bank of France.

The natural result of these measures has been, and will continue to be, a rising rate of exchange for the French franc.

It is, therefore, a question of time only before every 500-franc City of Paris bond will again be worth $96.50, or every twenty 500-franc bonds $1,930.00.

We recommend City of Paris 5% bonds while they are a genuine investment bargain. The table below shows the present prices and future values of various units of Paris bonds. These prices include every expense.

Now, while they are still comparatively low, is the time to buy these excellent securities. Use the order form provided. Sale will be confirmed upon receipt of order with remittance to cover amount of purchase. Bonds are forwarded by registered and insured mail.

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1	500 franc bond	(500 francs).....	$14.00	$40.	$70.	$96.50
2	500-franc bonds	(1,000 francs).....	28.00	80.	140.	193.00
3	500-franc bonds	(1,500 francs).....	42.00	120.	210.	289.50
4	500-franc bonds	(2,000 francs).....	56.00	160.	280.	386.00
5	500-franc bonds	(2,500 francs).....	70.00	200.	350.	482.50
10	500-franc bonds	(5,000 francs).....	140.00	400.	700.	965.00
20	500-franc bonds	(10,000 francs).....	280.00	800.	1,400.	1,930.00
50	500-franc-bonds	(25,000 francs).....	700.00	2,000.	3,500.	4,825.00
100	500-franc bonds	(50,000 francs).....	1,400.00	4,000.	7,000.	9,650.00
200	500-franc bonds	(100,000 francs).....	2,800.00	8,000.	14,000.	19,300.00

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